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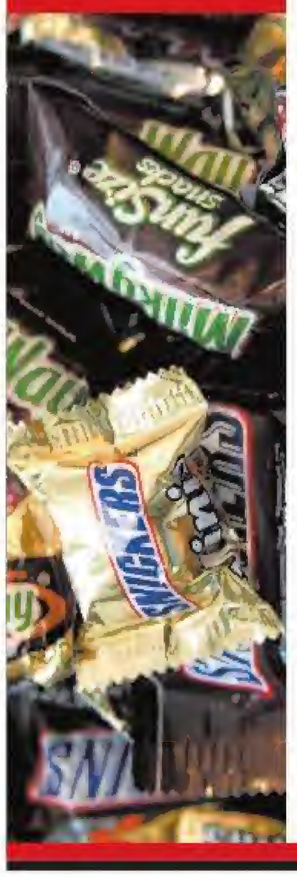

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To camp

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To green

Get tips on gardening and eco-friendly interior decorating, meet "Wicked" cast members and shop at a farmers market from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Museum of Science and Industry.

To donate

Drop off books for The Great American Book Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Open Books (213 W. Institute Place). The books will be sold to raise money for Chicago reading programs.

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aye, aye caption

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THURSDAY'S WINNER

"Psh... walk on water? That's for amateurs."

—PORTIA ALVES

random dilemma

We asked. You responded. Here are the results from Thursday's Random Dilemma, in which we asked if you would rather be able to fly or be able to turn invisible.

43.1%
Be able to fly

56.9%
Be able to turn invisible

HERE'S ANOTHER:
Which would you rather do? Text "**pick**" and the number of your response to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

(1) Sing in front of 100 strangers OR (2) Go to work without pants

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Accuser speaks out

Woman who alleged Duke lacrosse players raped her asserts she was assaulted

Crystal Mangum, who told police she was attacked at a March 2006 party, takes questions Thursday at a news conference for her book, "The Last Dance for Grace: The Crystal Mangum Story." AP PHOTO

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. The woman who North Carolina prosecutors determined falsely accused three Duke lacrosse players of raping her at a team party maintains in a new memoir that she was attacked.

Crystal Mangum, who appeared publicly Thursday for the first time since making the allegations more than two years ago, says in her forthcoming book she is not "looking forward to opening old wounds" but that she had to defend herself.

"Even as I try to move on with my life, I still find it necessary to take one more stand and fight," she writes in the book, "The Last Dance for Grace: The Crystal Mangum Story."

"I want to assert, without equivocation, that I was assaulted. Make of that what you will. You will decide what that means to you because the state of North Carolina saw fit not to look at all that happened the night I became infamous."

Mangum's remarks drew an immediate rebuke from attorneys, and the family of one exonerated player said they were considering a lawsuit. Jim Cooney, who represented player Reade Seligmann in the criminal case, said attorneys would review the contents of the book.

"For 2½ years, this woman has attempted to destroy Reade's life," Cooney said. "We aim to put a stop to it."

Mangum told police she was attacked at a March 2006 lacrosse team party where she was hired to perform as a stripper. After a disastrous local prosecution that eventually led to the downfall of the district attorney, the state attorney general's office concluded there was no credible evidence an attack ever occurred.

An attorney who defended one of the players in the criminal case quickly denounced Mangum's remarks, saying her allegation hurt the accused players, the state and all women who have been victims of sexual assault.

"If Crystal Mangum truly wants to heal, get on with her life and have others learn from her experiences, she would admit her lies and the damage they did," Joseph Cheshire said in an e-mail. "This is about money and lies. Pure and simple."

Mangum declined to answer specific questions about the details of the case on Thursday.

"At this point, it doesn't really matter," she said Thursday. "What matters is for people to know my account of what happened and for all of us to learn from it."

CASE CLOSED

The state's investigation found there was no DNA or medical evidence, or witness accounts, that confirmed Crystal Mangum's story. The inconsistencies in Mangum's account, the state found, "were so significant and so contrary to the evidence that the State had no credible evidence that an attack occurred in the house that night." AP

CHRISTMAS CHEER AND SMEAR

Santa's back

A dispute between a veteran Santa and one of the Washington area's biggest malls appeared to be headed for a happy ending after his abrupt firing prompted a public outcry.

Tysons Corner Center and Michael Graham, the man who has played Santa Claus at the mall for 18 years, said Thursday that they reached an "agreement in principle" for the 51-year-old carpenter from Sevierville, Tenn., to return to the job this holiday season.

The mall recently informed Graham that he wouldn't be coming back, because a new photography company wanted a different Santa. But it was too late for Graham to find another gig. He hired a lawyer to demand his job back.

All fired up

A famed fireworks company is pulling out of a holiday boat parade because "Christmas" was dropped from the event's name.

Fireworks by Grucci won't lend its sparkle to Patchogue, N.Y.'s Nov. 23 parade because organizers have renamed it the Patchogue Holiday Boat Parade. It was the Patchogue Christmas Boat Parade last year, when the Grucci company donated $5,000 worth of fireworks.

The company's vice president, Philip Butler, who has criticized the secularization of Christmas in the past, said parade organizers were "using all the themes of Christmas and plagiarizing all those themes."

Organizers said the name was changed after complaints that the use of "Christmas" seemed to make the parade less inclusive. AP

Jobs slashed

Rising layoffs are hammering American workers, spelling more pain to come for consumer spending, the housing market and the broader economy.

The Labor Department said Thursday that new claims for jobless benefits rose 15,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 478,000, above analysts' estimates of 470,000.

Jobless claims above 400,000 are considered a sign of recession. A year ago, claims stood at 333,000, the department said.

The employment outlook for Americans likely will get worse, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday.

"Given the financial damage to date, I cannot see how we can avoid a significant rise in layoffs and unemployment," Greenspan told a House committee.

Several companies have announced layoffs in the past few days. AP

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Number of jobs Goldman Sachs will cut

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JIMMY GREENFIELD
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Miss teen queen, I will forgive you

We all do dumb things when we're young, and Lindsey Evans, 18, was certainly dumb and young when she skipped out on a $46.07 restaurant bill.

The poor girl was arrested and lost her crown as a result, and she is now the butt of jokes across the country. But not by me. You see, I've been in Lindsey's shoes. I was once Miss Teen Louisiana.

No, seriously. I did the dining and dashing thing when I was in college, and I was lucky enough to not get caught.

It's easy enough to do. You're sitting there at 1 a.m., a bunch of pancakes in your stomach, when someone perks up and says, "Hey, let's d&d!"

The mature response? "Uh, no, I can afford the $8." The immature response? "OK, go!"

Stuff like that is relatively harmless, and I know many people who did dumb things in their youth. The key, you see, is to do them in your youth.

Young and dumb is somewhat understandable. Old and dumb is not. So here are some pretty harmless dumb things that, if you're going to do them, you'd better get them out of the way before you turn 21.

Get into a fight: You know how it's kind of cool to have a good story to tell when you're young? Well, there's no better story than the breakdown of a fight the morning after.

I'm not talking about an out-of-control fight involving weapons other than fists. I mean a fight over something stupid, like a spilled beer, in which your friends are there to pull you away before you get your butt kicked.

Before 21, it's potentially a great story. After 21, it's a precursor to rehab.

Quit a job by not showing up: I highly recommend doing this at one time in your life, especially if you're making less than $9 an hour and you go to a concert instead of the job.

Do a beer bong: OK, first off a disclaimer: Binge drinking is dangerous and potentially lethal. Don't binge drink. But doing one beer bong is acceptable.

Here's the problem: Not only does it look stupid as you get older, but you're also admitting you have no appreciation for beer. Good beer is to be savored, not forced down your throat by gravity.

Lie to your parents: There are clearly many reasons to lie to your parents when they're the ones setting the ground rules. But when the rules are gone and you're on your own, you're better off flaunting your independence than lying.

Sleep in your car: Yes, I get that young people sometimes need a place to be alone. That's why I'll grant you this is acceptable. But if you're older than 21 you really ought to have an apartment, or at the very least some motel money.

Don't vote: Sorry, you can't catch a break here. Not voting is stupid at any age.

Miss Teen Louisiana Lindsey Evans lost her crown 11 days early after being arrested on charges of leaving a restaurant without paying and carrying marijuana.
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Man charged in Hyde Park sex assaults

Chicago Tribune

A Hyde Park man was charged with the sexual assaults of two women in separate attacks in the last two weeks, Chicago police said Thursday.

John Hopkins, 33, of the 5200 block of South Hyde Park Boulevard was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault after he was arrested Wednesday.

Chicago police said Hopkins followed a woman off a bus near the 6300 block of South Rhodes Avenue Tuesday and dragged her into an alley and raped her. Police said he also attacked a woman Oct. 8 after following her into an apartment building in the 1300 block of East Hyde Park Boulevard.

"It was a brazen act, following someone into an apartment building like that," said Calumet Area Cmdr. Patricia Walsh. Walsh said police are investigating whether Hopkins could be linked to other sexual assaults as well.

Hopkins is expected to appear Friday in Cook County Central Bond Court.

Man stabbed after Lincoln Park burglary

Chicago Tribune

A man was stabbed Thursday while trying to aid a woman whose apartment was burglarized in Lincoln Park, police said.

About 9:40 a.m., the woman was home near West Dickens Avenue and North Halsted Street when she heard a burglar, police said. A struggle took place and the burglar made off with some belongings.

Two workmen outside the apartment building, along with another man, saw the burglar as he fled, police said. One was stabbed during a confrontation with the burglar.

The workmen, Joe Geinosky and Mike Williams, went out the back of the restaurant and saw the burglar holding a laptop.

Williams said the burglar dropped the laptop, and Geinosky confronted the burglar with a hammer while Williams had a broom. Williams said the burglar stabbed Geinosky.

Surveillance video shows a man believed to be connected to the sexual assault of a woman in Hyde Park. CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

'You can almost see the evil'

Tribune crime reporter talks about Hyde Park attack

Crime report
ANGELA ROZAS

Did you see the photograph of the man who police say raped a woman after sneaking into her lobby in Hyde Park earlier this month? You might have missed it, but you should take a look again.

It's one of the most frightening pictures I've seen, and I've seen a lot after almost a decade of covering crime. But this photograph, frankly, wigged me out.

First, the lobby looks like mine, and many others in Chicago. The walls, the floors, the two entry doors. You save on heating costs with two doors—the first traps cold air. But they always gave me a sense of security too. You'd need two keys to get into a building like this, I've always thought.

But two doors didn't help this woman in Hyde Park. She was talking on her cell phone as she walked into her building. How many times have we all done that? She opened one door, then the second and never noticed the man racing in behind her. And that's where these photos stop me. You see him running. You see him actually stretching his arms forward, ready to catch that second door before it closes behind her. This was not a passive attack. You can almost see the evil.

Police said the woman didn't know when the man started following her. But he needed to wait a second or two behind her, so as not to tip her off. And that's why he had to run at the last second, reach out before the door slammed behind her safely. He grabbed her, pulled her into a garbage room and raped her, police said.

A man was charged Thursday with the attack on this woman as well as a second assault Tuesday on another victim. The photos from the building helped people in the area identify him, and police were building a case against the man when he allegedly attacked again.

Still, I am haunted by this photograph. I think about the horror this woman went through in her own home. I have warned all of my friends about it.

We women are often distracted. We listen to iPods on our walks home, chat on cells, don't notice our surroundings. Then some scum comes along and takes advantage. Some friends tell me they call someone on their cell when they're walking home, in case they're attacked and that person can call for help. It seems like a comforting idea. But they'd do better to hang up the phone, listen and watch for danger around them, and run away if they feel unsafe, cops tell me. Sometimes, I'll even separate my belongings, putting my keys in one pocket, my wallet in another, so I can throw my purse, empty of valuables, at my attacker while I run in the other direction.

I think of this photograph now every time I walk home from the train. I turn off my iPod, keep an eye on the shadows and pull the door to my building tightly behind me.

STAY SAFE

Chicago police say there are precautions you can take to try to avoid becoming a crime victim:

» Late at night, have someone meet you at the bus stop or train station. Ask a taxi driver to wait while you enter your home. Tell friends and family when you expect to arrive at a destination and how you'll be traveling.

» With public transportation, try to use the busiest, best-lit stop possible. While waiting for a train, stay close to other people in the brightest area of the station. Sit near the driver or operator.

» When walking home, avoid dark, isolated places. Be alert, look around and have your keys ready for quick entry at home. Keep at least one hand free to protect yourself if attacked.

» When alone, avoid wearing headphones or talking on your cell to keep from being distracted.

Boys say cop beat them up

Two South Side boys are accusing an off-duty Chicago policeman, who they said had the mistaken impression that they had thrown rocks at his car, of beating and seriously injuring them, according to WGN-Ch. 9.

The officer's identity has not been released, but the allegations are under investigation by the Independent Police Review Authority, the station said. The incident unwound Oct. 5 near 77th Street and Exchange Avenue when someone began throwing rocks at cars.

Blue Line service to shut down for repairs

CTA Blue Line service will be temporarily shut down from 9 p.m. Friday until 3 a.m. Monday between the Belmont and Montrose stations while workers conduct rail repairs, the CTA announced Thursday. Shuttle buses will operate as a substitute for rail service, stopping at the Belmont, Addison, Irving Park and Montrose stations, the CTA said.

Hit-and-run victim identified

A 43-year-old woman struck and killed by a hit-and-run motorist early Thursday has been identified as Dorothy Bell, the Cook County medical examiner's office said Thursday. The incident happened about 1:35 a.m. in the 4700 block of West Chicago Avenue. A van struck Bell before speeding off, police said. The Chicago police major accident investigation unit is investigating.

RTA officials say deals could cost investors

CTA and Metra could be on the hook to repay investors more than $100 million resulting from a controversial financing arrangement involving the troubled insurance giant American International Group, Regional Transportation Authority officials warned Thursday. The problem stems from AIG's leading role years ago in complex financing schemes known as lease-leasebacks, which the transit agencies entered into to borrow money to buy new trains and buses and improve deteriorating facilities. Transit systems nationwide may be liable for more than $1 billion because of the AIG meltdown.

Park district proposal seeks lakefront parking fees

Visitors to any lakefront park would pay for parking under a proposed 2009 budget for the Chicago Park District.

The measure, along with additional increases recommended for rental, permit and harbor slip fees, will help the district avoid layoffs, Parks Supt. Tim Mitchell said Thursday.

In August, Mitchell had announced that up to 300 employees could lose their jobs because of a $24 million budget shortfall.

Mayor Daley answers questions Thursday about the Obama party that is being planned in Grant Park on election night. JOSÈ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Cost of Obama rally could top $2 million

The City of Chicago is planning for more than 70,000 people to mob an election-night rally in Grant Park for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, an event that will involve police and firefighters working overtime, blocked streets and at least $2 million in extra costs.

The Obama campaign has vowed to foot the bill, a point underscored Thursday by Raymond Orozco, head of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications.

"The cost of this event will not be paid for by the taxpayers of the City of Chicago," Orozco said.

Earlier in the day, Mayor Daley had said he would prefer to see the event held at an indoor venue like the (already booked) United Center and lamented it would cost $2 million to pull off the Grant Park event.

Orozco called the estimate "a good starting point" but said "it could go higher."

The softball diamonds on the south end of Grant Park can hold 60,000 to 70,000 people, Chicago public-safety officials said Thursday.

The city is preparing for overflow crowds and the need to block off streets.

Chicago officials have been talking with the Obama campaign for weeks, Orozco said. They also have met with members of the Building Owners and Management Association, the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association and nearby hotels.

It remained unclear Thursday whether the event would be open to the public.

Metra engineer accused of letting teen drive trains

A Metra engineer faces disciplinary action after being accused of allowing a teenager to operate commuter trains, the Tribune has learned.

Two other engineers also have been suspended for allegedly permitting the teen to enter locomotive cabs, according to a report recently filed with the Federal Railroad Administration.

Metra declined to confirm the specific charges, citing the engineers' right to a fair hearing. The agency also is declining to name the line upon which the incidents occurred or say how the teen accessed the cabs without other Metra employees spotting him.

"We did have a situation involving some of our engineers, and they have been taken out of service without pay," Metra spokeswoman Judy Pardonnet said.

Pardonnet would not say when the incidents took place, but said Metra learned of them two weeks ago and immediately suspended the three trainmen.

A Federal Railroad Administration spokesman said the agency would be paying close attention to the upcoming hearings and could consider its own disciplinary action if federal regulations were violated.

"It's a matter of great concern to us, and we are monitoring the situation," administration spokesman Warren Flatau said.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the labor group that represents the accused Metra employees, had no immediate comment.

Iraqi war refugees choose to make Chicago home

The Chicago area is poised to become a top destination for Iraqi war refugees, according to Illinois officials who worry about finding housing and jobs for the newcomers in a struggling economy.

In the first five years of the war, fewer than 200 Iraqi refugees came to Illinois, but more than 1,000 have landed in the state in the last year, and nearly 1,400 more are expected in the next 12 months.

Efforts by U.S. officials to admit Iraqis by the thousands could lead to 20 years of immigration on par with the area's roughly 30,000 Vietnam War refugees, said Ed Silverman, who directs the Illinois Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services.

"Needless to say, in the current economy, it's going to be an enormous challenge," Silverman said.

Generally, nonprofit agencies contracting with the federal government are allotted a stipend of about $430 per refugee for food, clothing and shelter, plus other public assistance that can last as little as three months, Silverman said. To help ease the transition, Silverman's agency has been encouraging nonprofit groups to find homes for Iraqis in predominantly Arabic communities such as Bridgeview. Currently, many live in Rogers Park, Albany Park or Uptown, he said.

Grocery options limited for many

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Do you live in a food desert?

A food desert is a large area that has limited grocery store options and a heavy concentration of fast food restaurants or convenience stores, according to Mari Gallagher, whose North Side research firm, Mari Gallagher Research and Consulting Group, has been studying Chicago's food conditions since 2006.

People who live in food deserts often find it easier to go to a retailer that sells ready-made, boxed or canned foods that are typically high in salt, fat and sugar instead of a grocery store that sells an assortment of healthy and fresh foods, Gallagher said.

"If you live in one of these food desert areas, you are more likely to die or suffer prematurely from diet-related diseases such as diabetes or obesity after accounting for other factors such as economic, race and education," said Gallagher, who is also the president of the National Center for Public Research.

Gallagher found that the West and South Sides, specifically the Roseland, West Englewood, Grand Boulevard and Washington Park neighborhoods, suffer most from limited access to grocery stores. But these are not the only communities that have to make tough food decisions.

In 2006, half a million Chicagoans lived in a food desert, according to Gallagher's research, which was funded by LaSalle Bank before the bank was bought by Bank of America. A study that Gallagher said she plans to release in the next few weeks will show there are slightly fewer residents living in food deserts.

The city of Chicago has been trying to improve the food landscape. The Department of Planning and Development recently co-hosted a grocery expo to entice grocers to invest in the city. At the expo, Mayor Daley announced that the city has targeted six underserved locations on city-owned plots where it would like to see grocery stores built.

"We think that a grocery store at one of these sites would be most effective to address some of these food desert issues," said Pete Scales, spokesman for the planning department. "They're really ripe and ready for redevelopment." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

FUTURE STORES

- **Aldi:** 6621 S. Cottage Grove Ave. (will open later this year)
- **Whole Foods:** 1500 N. Kingsbury St. (will open in spring 2009)
- **Dominick's:** 6623 N. Damen Ave. (will reopen by mid-2009)

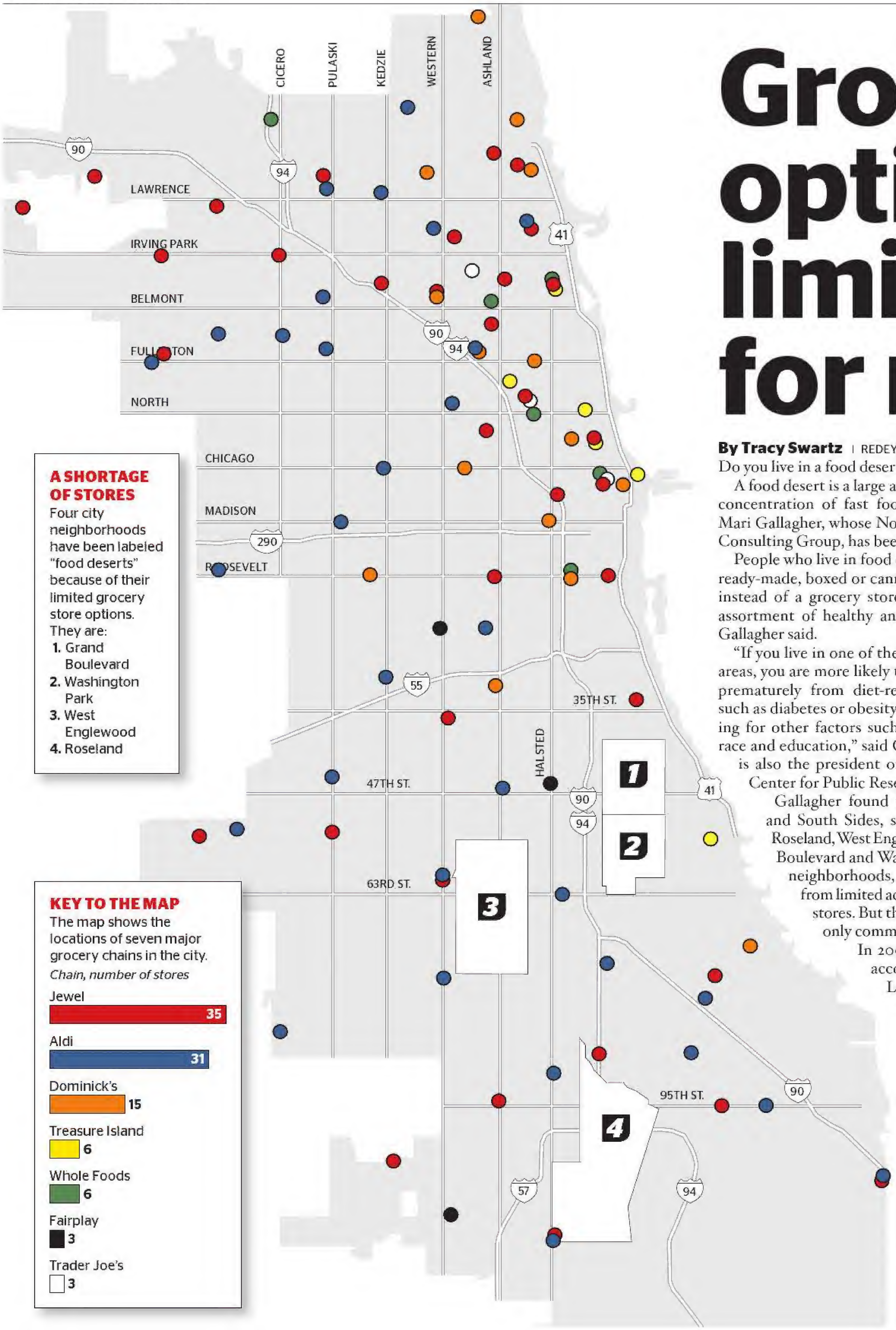
In addition, the city of Chicago has said it would like to see grocery stores built at these locations:

- 11500 S. Michigan Ave.
- 4700 W. Madison St.
- 4700 S. State St.
- 1 S. Western Ave.
- 7900 S. Perry Ave.
- 6300 S. Halsted St.

A SHORTAGE OF STORES

Four city neighborhoods have been labeled "food deserts" because of their limited grocery store options. They are:

1. Grand Boulevard
2. Washington Park
3. West Englewood
4. Roseland



KEY TO THE MAP

The map shows the locations of seven major grocery chains in the city.

Chain, number of stores

- Jewel: 35
- Aldi: 31
- Dominick's: 15
- Treasure Island: 6
- Whole Foods: 6
- Fairplay: 3
- Trader Joe's: 3

SOURCES: JEWEL, ALDI, DOMINICK'S, TREASURE ISLAND, WHOLE FOODS, FAIRPLAY, TRADER JOE'S, ESRI, TELE ATLAS

GETTY IMAGES

1 Help is on the way
Federal regulators told Congress Thursday they're working on a plan that could help many distressed homeowners escape foreclosure in a global financial crisis that former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan (above) warned will get worse before it gets better. Greenspan denied the crisis was his fault.

2 Clothes call
Campaigning near Ormond Beach, Fla., Thursday, John McCain was asked repeatedly about the Republican Party's purchase of $150,000 in clothes, hair styling and accessories for Sarah Palin. "She needed clothes at the time. They'll be donated at end of this campaign. They'll be donated to charity," McCain said.

3 Tipping point
The Canyon Ranch resort in Lenox, Mass., has agreed to pay $14.7 million to workers who claimed they were wrongly deprived of tips. The Berkshires resort charged customers an 18 percent service fee and told them tipping was unnecessary. But the employees said they received little, if any, of the fee.

4 Suspects nabbed
Texas authorities have arrested 24 sex-offense suspects during a two-day sweep, part of a national crackdown on sex offenders before Halloween. The majority of arrests this week were of sex offenders who violated their registration requirements.

'Payback' threatened
More than 50 threatening letters sent this week to banks and financial institutions declare "It's payback time" and promise death within 10 days, the FBI said Thursday. Most of the letters were filled with white powder and have so far tested negative for any dangerous toxins.

5 Death wish
The Kentucky Supreme Court cleared the way Thursday for the execution of a child killer who asked to be put to death so that delays would not "drag out the misery" for himself and his victims' families. Marco Allen Chapman, 36, could be put to death as early as next month barring further appeals.

NYC approves extended term limits

6 NEW YORK Arguing that New York needs his financial skill to guide it through the crisis on Wall Street, Mayor Michael Bloomberg persuaded City Council to amend the term-limits law Thursday so that the billionaire independent can run for re-election next year.

By a 29-22 vote, the council agreed to allow officeholders three consecutive four-year terms. Existing law limits them to two terms, and Bloomberg's second is up at the end of 2009.

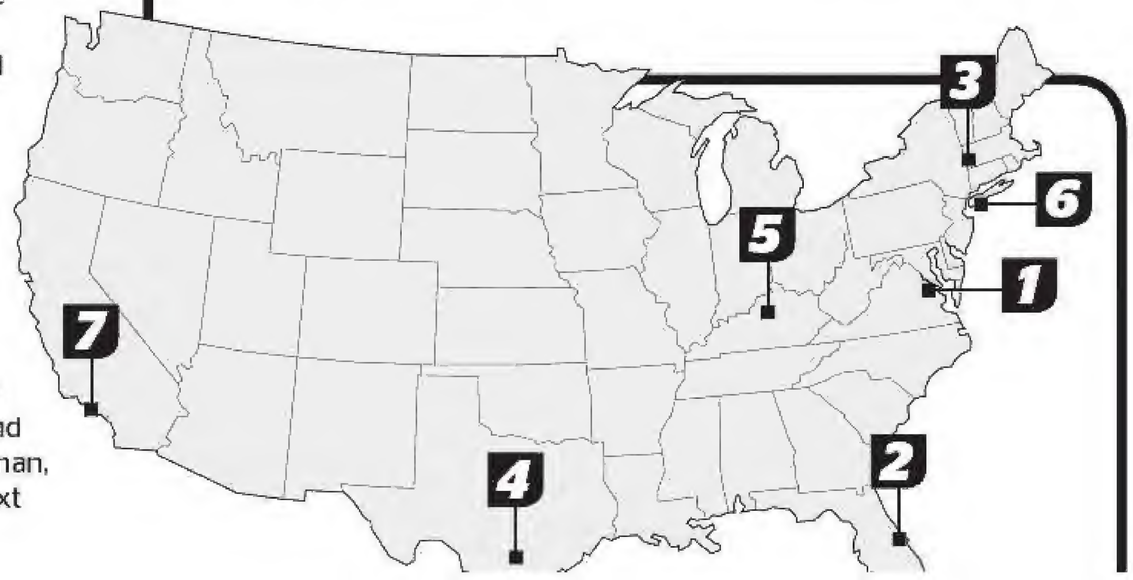
The former CEO was first elected as a Republican in 2001, while smoke was still rising from the ruins of the World Trade Center; he later became an independent.

The vote dramatically alters the city's political landscape. Many would-be mayoral candidates are expected to drop out of the race rather than run against a popular incumbent with unlimited cash to spend. Bloomberg founded the financial news service that bears his name and is worth an estimated $20 billion.

The term-limits proposal touched off a short but vigorous debate after Bloomberg announced his plans to seek re-election three weeks ago. The move was a sharp turnaround for Bloomberg, who had previously backed the term limits law and scoffed at any attempt to change it.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK
Scores of New Yorkers came to testify during 20 hours of council hearings, and a poll found that registered voters overwhelmingly disapproved of the plan.

7 LOS ANGELES Firefighters battle a wildfire that broke out early Thursday and quickly spread. Authorities say the wildfire is burning at least 150 acres in west L.A. AP



THE DIGIT

Bad news for grads

1.3% Increase in the number of graduates employers plan to hire in 2009 compared with this year, according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. That's the weakest outlook in six years and reflects a sharp recent downturn. Just two months ago, a survey by the same group projected a 6.1 percent increase in hiring.

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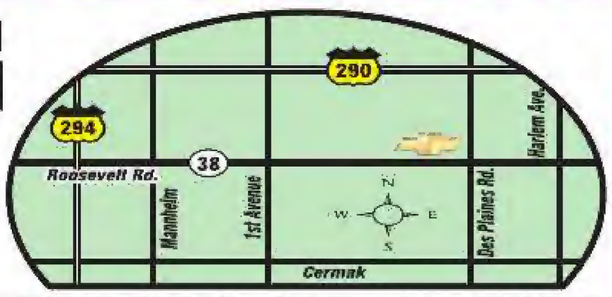

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Woman jailed after virtual killing of digital husband

1 **TOKYO** A 43-year-old player in a virtual game world became so angry about her sudden divorce from her online husband that she logged on with his password and killed his digital persona, police said Thursday.

The woman, who has been jailed on suspicion of illegally accessing a computer and manipulating electronic data, used his ID and password to log onto the popular interactive game "Maple Story" to carry out the virtual murder in May, a police official in the northern city of Sapporo said.

BAD BEHAVIOR

In virtual worlds, bad behavior usually is handled within the rules set up by online worlds, which can ban miscreants or take away their virtual possessions.

"I was suddenly divorced, without a word of warning. That made me so angry," the official quoted her as telling investigators and admitting the allegations.

The woman, a piano teacher, had not plotted any revenge in the real world, the official said. She has not yet been formally charged. If convicted, she could face up to five years in prison or a fine up to $5,000.

Players in "Maple Story" create and manipulate digital avatars that represent themselves, while engaging in relationships, social activities and fighting monsters and other obstacles.

The woman used login information she got from the 33-year-old office worker when their characters were happily married to kill the character. The man complained to police when he discovered that his online avatar was dead.

Many flee fighting in Bajur

2 **PESHAWAR, Pakistan** Pakistani girls from the Bajur tribal region gather in a school supported by UNICEF at the Katcha Garhi camp. Nearly 200,000 people have fled the fighting in Bajur to camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

3 Donkey carries bomb

An Afghan police vehicle was hit by a bomb that was placed on a donkey on the outskirts of Kandahar, Afghanistan, Thursday. Officials say an officer was killed and two others were wounded. AP PHOTO

4 Sex ed for kids

It's a controversial idea in a land known for prudishness about sex—teaching kids as young as 5 about the birds and bees. But with one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in Europe, the British government is bringing sex education to all schools in England—including kindergartens.

5 Scorpions disbanded

South Africa's elite crime-busters known as the Scorpions have lost their sting. The National Assembly approved legislation Thursday to disband the investigating unit. The move came despite widespread objections it would weaken the fight against crime in a country wracked by more than 50 murders a day.

6 Iraqis gain control

The U.S. relinquished control of a southern province that includes Sunni areas once known as the "triangle of death," handing security responsibility to the Iraqi government. Babil is the 12th of 18 Iraqi provinces to be placed under Iraqi control.

7 Kids kill kangaroo

Police in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don say three children aged 10 to 12 have admitted killing a 10-month-old kangaroo at the city's zoo. The kangaroo and several seagulls were killed over the weekend.

8 Standoff ends

Cuba and the European Union ended a five-year standoff on Thursday by signing an agreement that calls for EU members to send the island €2 million ($1.3 million) in immediate hurricane recovery aid and up to €30 million ($38.8 million) more in financing next year.

9 Toxic waste

An Ivory Coast court jailed a Nigerian man for 20 years for the 2006 dumping of hundreds of tons of toxic waste from an international oil trader that killed at least 16 people and left more than 100,000 needing treatment. Salomon Ugborugbo, 39, owned a company whose trucks dumped the eye-stinging waste.

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In Cypress, Texas, it seemed everyone knew "O."

Omar Conteh was on the honor roll, ranked among the best running backs in the country and had turned in one of Texas' top single-season performances by rushing for 2,130 yards. In a state that's crazy for high school football, that ensures near-celebrity status.

When Conteh left for Northwestern in 2005, expectations were as big as the Lone Star State.

But midway through his senior season at Northwestern, Conteh struggles to answer when asked whether he will be satisfied with a college career that has mostly been anonymous.

"Hmmm. That's hard," Conteh said after practice this week. "I guess I would be satisfied, but I'll probably think of what I could have done to change things."

Conteh's journey has taken him from unlimited potential to self-doubt to acceptance of his role. Known by most as the understudy to Tyrell Sutton, the Big Ten's fifth-leading rusher, Conteh has earned his teammates' and coaches' respect as a valuable asset at running back and on special teams.

"To us, those guys are interchangeable," coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We're not afraid to play him at any time."

Conteh's playing time varies like autumn weather patterns, and that will probably be the case when Northwestern visits Indiana on Saturday.

"It all depends on the flow of the game," Fitzgerald said.

In last week's victory over Purdue, Conteh carried the ball eight times for 49 yards and a 14-yard touchdown. It was his best performance since the season opener against Syracuse, when he rushed 12 times for 71 yards.

Conteh has not complained about his inconsistent role.

"You couldn't ask for a better person," running backs coach Matt MacPherson said. "A lot of guys would have pouted or quit at this point. His attitude has never wavered from a team-first perspective."

But he has felt frustration.

In camp before his freshman season, Conteh was in a spirited competition with fellow freshman Sutton. An injury set him back, and as Fitzgerald said, "Tyrell stayed healthy, and the rest was history."

> ***"You couldn't ask for a better person."***
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> **MATT MACPHERSON**
> running backs coach talking about Omar Conteh

"I was trying to stay focused, but I was down on myself," Conteh said. "As the team was getting better, I was in the training room. It was killing me."

As a junior, Sutton injured his ankle and missed parts of six games, so Conteh had his chance.

In five games starting in place of Sutton, Conteh recorded two 100-yard games, averaged 83.2 yards rushing per game and scored four touchdowns. He also missed two games with an ankle injury but had already made his name known in NU circles.

"The thing that helped me was that I was able to get my swag back," Conteh said.

Conteh hopes to finish his career with that same "swag."

"Some games I do know they're going to play me, but for the most part I have to be ready," he said. "You're going to get frustrated, but I trust in the game plan and the coaches and I know things happen for a reason."

Kitty, kitty, bang bang

That's it, I've had enough. I'm sure some of you readers have too. I'm sick of seeing that mutt Whizzer's face all over this newspaper. Sure, he's RedEye's unofficial mascot, but where's the equal time? This is an election year, after all.

Enter: Me. Whizkers. Thanks to the Northwestern Wildcats, I'm coming out of hiding. (Actually, I've just been holed up in my scratching tree with some catnip, but that's beside the point.)

In case you haven't noticed, the Wildcats are No. 22 in the BCS standings (love how that sounds), and they are playing some good ball.

Tyrell Sutton is running like a cheetah, scoring seven touchdowns and averaging 100 yards a game. Quarterback C.J. Bacher has thrown 10 TD passes. I haven't seen play of this caliber since that time I chased a yarn ball around my place for three hours straight, stopping only briefly to lick myself.

At this rate, we'll be playing in a somewhat meaningful bowl game for once. I can't wait to stick that in ol' Whizzer's wet, slobbery face. But even with all that ammo, he still finds a way to crash my party.

Sure, he can predict sports and beat the spread and blah, blah, blah, but I've got skills too. Let's see that mound of pounds land on his feet after falling backward off the couch while reaching for that dangling potted plant leaf.

Midway through his senior season at Northwestern, Omar Conteh struggles to answer whether he will be satisfied with his mostly anonymous college career.
JOHN KONSTANTARAS/TRIBUNE FILE

'Cats out of the bag

That rumbling sound you hear is the Northwestern bandwagon rolling down from Evanston, and you'd be wise to hop on board. I spent all day meditating on the Wildcats—OK, so I was napping in a sunny spot on the carpet—and I have visions of Northwestern (6-1, 2-1 Big Ten Conference) finishing 10-2 and earning a bid to an upper-tier bowl game. Maybe I'm still suffering the effects of a weeklong Snausage bender, but this is how I predict the last five games will play out.

Saturday
at Indiana *(2-5, 0-4 Big Ten)*
The Hoosiers' only wins are against Western Kentucky and Murray State, so homecoming is shaping up to be pretty dreary in Bloomington.
Prediction: Northwestern 35, Indiana 7

Nov. 1
at No. 25 Minnesota *(6-1, 2-1)*
The Golden Gophers might turn out to be the biggest surprise in the conference, but their only meaningful win is against Illinois. Northwestern will be a real test of Minnesota's strength.
Prediction: Northwestern 28, Minnesota 24

Nov. 8
vs. No. 10 Ohio State *(7-1, 4-0)*
No. 3 Penn State isn't on Northwestern's schedule, so this promises to be the toughest game of the season. The Buckeyes aren't what they were the past few seasons, but they're still better than the 'Cats.
Prediction: Ohio State 33, Northwestern 20

Nov. 15
at Michigan *(2-5, 1-2)*
Remember all of those games the Wolverines ran up the score? All of the end zone dances? The time they chased you around the house with a vacuum cleaner? Uh, check that last part. The point is, it's time to exact some revenge!
Prediction: Northwestern 30, Michigan 20

Nov. 22
vs. Illinois *(4-3, 2-2)*
The last game of the season also is the toughest one to call. I hate to go against my boy Juice Williams in a rivalry game, but the Wildcats have home-field advantage, so I'll give them the nod.
Prediction: Northwestern 28, Illinois 27

Anyway, back to the football, I'm easily distracted. My Wildcats go to Indiana this weekend. It should be a blowout. The Hoosiers' football team is worse than the basketball team, and they are really bad, people.

So, when the Wildcats rack up another win, look for me to make my return. It's high time for some feline intervention.

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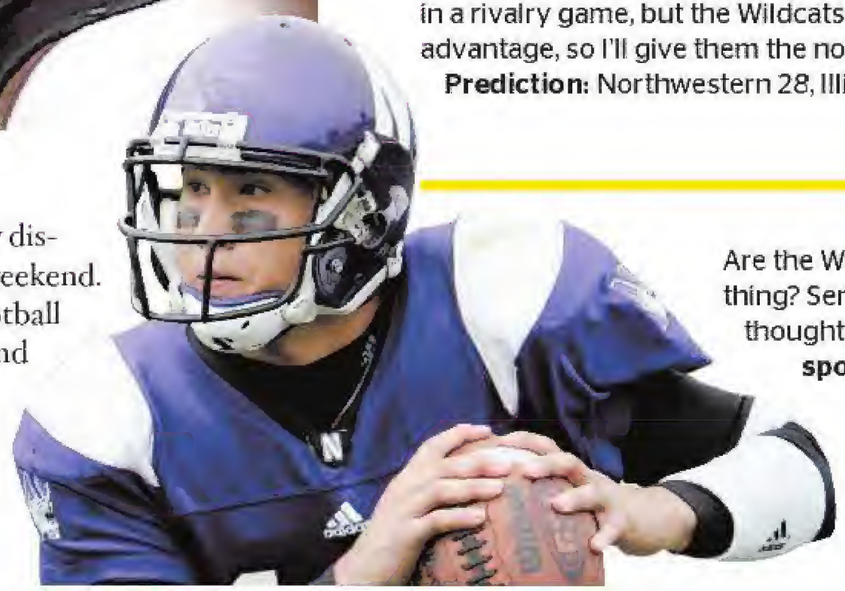

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Are the Wildcats the real thing? Send Whizzer your thoughts to **redeyesports@tribune.com** or just text "**whiz**" and your comment to **47383**.

Bears success: Handle with care

sacked again

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Since it's the bye week, I say it's time to review a cautionary tale.

First, though, some good news. The Bears offense is very fun to watch. And I can't believe I just wrote that.

For example, late in the first half Sunday, they actually tried to move the ball and get some points—as opposed to the "take a knee" strategy, better known as "we're too dumb and lame to try anything here."

Additionally, I'll say it again. Kyle Orton can flat-out play. He makes great throws, smart throws, accurate throws, throws no dumb picks ... I don't know who we are anymore as an NFL city.

So, here comes the cautionary tale. It's the story of a football team that did everything right offensively—had great tight ends, receivers, a solid running back; their QB even had a beard. They played in some phenomenal football games, everybody loved them.

They were the 1980s San Diego Chargers. Ummm, San Diego. Drink it in. They won exactly zero NFL titles, never even made it to the Super Bowl. Of course, you know the reason why. They had no defense.

Neither do the Bears. I'll say it again. I don't know who we are anymore as an NFL city. This is unacceptable. But I think I know what happened.

Everybody got paid. Brian Urlacher, Lance Briggs, Tommie Harris ... everyone signed their big-money deal and ... disappears.

Well, I want my money back. These guys need to step up. And who knows if signing Terrence Holt is going to help. Here's a good rule of thumb: If I've never heard of the guy, he's not going to help.

If things don't change, we're going to need 55 points a game. The scary thing is, Orton could get them. His receivers need to know one thing: The ball is coming, on target, so be ready. Marty Booker—that means you.

Someone else got paid. His name is Jim Hendry, GM of the Cubs. He deserves it. He's built a nice team. It certainly isn't his fault the Cubs need diapers when it comes to the postseason. However, if this guy actually goes out and gets Manny Ramirez, then let's turn that four-year extension into an eight-year extension.

Oh, and boo-hoo time. Looks like the New Year's Day Blackhawks game at Wrigley will have limited tickets available. I wonder if there are any bars in the area where I can watch that game.

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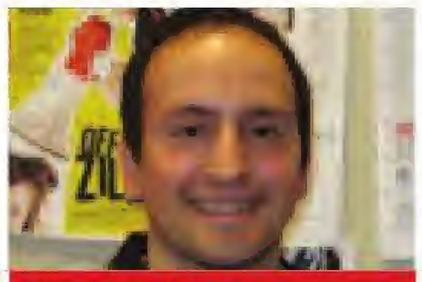
Hey, bro

Tracy Swartz's brother Kevin joins the Facebook Fives. Now we'll see if being punny runs in the family.



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1 What's your plan for the Bears' bye week?	Chillin' out, maxin', relaxing all cool and all, shootin' some b-ball outside of the school.	Study game film of Heather Graham.	The Bears and I will be finding ways to get busy.	Waxing my chest and eating lots of Cheetos.	I plan to enjoy the lovely weather, of course.
2 If you could have a bye from something, what would it be?	The Red Line from Grand to Howard. Shouldn't hover-boards be affordable by now?	Answering any question in Five on Five that is soccer-related.	Guys who use emoticons and "ha ha," root for Notre Dame and use Axe Body Spray.	Naked photo hunt. I'm addicted.	The Rays and Phillies—and this is only the beginning.
3 Why is the NFL playing a game in London?	To return David and Victoria Beckham to sender.	It's what Renata wanted.	Less chance for DUI because Londoners already drive on the wrong side of road.	It's being sponsored by Invisalign.	Reduce player arrests. Don't they have diplomatic immunity over there?
4 How would you convince David Beckham to keep playing in the U.S.?	Kinda tipped my hand in No. 3.		I would say you can't spell favor without "u."	Pretend we care about soccer for just one more year.	Buy a Spice Girls album. Then Posh might fancy Hollywood more.
5 Who is Lewis Hamilton and why is he important?	He's a Formula One driver, and a mortal lock to be on "The Bachelor" someday.	He and his buddy Clark were America's first gay explorers.	The king of F1, the key to my mother board.	Modern day father of the toga party. God bless his soul.	Huh ... who said he was important?

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HOMETOWN HITS

Mark Grace is likely to be on the short list of candidates to replace Bob Brenly in the Cubs broadcast booth if Brenly gets the managerial job in Milwaukee. Brenly interviewed for the Brewers job on Thursday, and is one of three main candidates for the opening, along with Ken Macha and Willie Randolph.

According to guard Larry Hughes, an initial MRI performed Thursday on his dislocated shoulder "looked good." A more definitive MRI that involves injecting dye into the injured area will be done Friday, at which time an official length for Hughes' absence will be announced.

» Guard Ben Gordon said it's the big toe on his left foot that hurts, as opposed to the right foot that numerous media outlets have been reporting.

» The Bulls waived former Illinois standout Roger Powell and Michael Ruffin.

Coach Joel Quenneville reportedly signed a three-year contract Wednesday after being hired to replace Denis Savard on Oct. 16.

» The Hawks' resurgence at the box office and around the league has caught the eye of NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, in town for Thursday's general managers meeting. "I've never seen anything like this," Bettman said.

Chicago Fire 5
New York Red Bulls 2

WORLD SERIES

The Phillies' Jayson Werth grounds out as the Rays' Carlos Pena makes a catch at first base. MCT

Tampa Bay 4
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James
AP PHOTO

King of film too

Los Angeles Times

For years, everyone has wanted a piece of LeBron "King" James, who is right now—sorry, Kobe—perhaps the most popular basketball player on the planet. It's a testimony to his mega-stardom that three Hollywood studios are in the midst of a bidding war over "More Than a Game," a documentary about James' Akron, Ohio, high school basketball team that ended up going from obscurity to being ranked No. 1 in the country.

The biggest challenge for the studios, in terms of figuring out what kind of offer to make, has been in assessing the documentary's potential worth.

On the one hand, James is a gigantic worldwide brand, with a slew of big corporations—led by Nike and Coke—who are all valuable potential promotion partners for the film.

On the other hand, it's been a tricky proposition trying to figure out when the film should have a theatrical release. Ideally it should come out during basketball season, when a studio could promote it with a multimedia ad campaign. But James is, well, otherwise occupied then, playing basketball himself.

"More Than a Game" is more than just a documentary. It's an uplifting story, almost a fable, about a close-knit group of kids who overcome adversity, survive a series of obstacles, show a lot of heart and are rewarded with a well-deserved triumph on the basketball court. It doesn't hurt that one of those kids is also one of the most famous athletes in the world.

JAMES, JAY-Z BACK OBAMA

NBA superstar LeBron James and Grammy-winning recording artist Jay-Z want people to get out early to vote for Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama. James and Jay-Z will host a rally Wednesday at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland that will include a free concert by the hip-hop star.

AT THE BUZZER

NFL
Chad plays name game
The Cincinnati Bengals receiver formerly known as Chad Johnson said Thursday he'll wear his old name on his uniform for the rest of the season to avoid paying Reebok for unsold Johnson jerseys. The Pro Bowler legally changed his name to Chad Ocho Cinco in August.

NFL
Brady fights infection
New England quarterback Tom Brady has undergone two more procedures to clean out an infection on his surgically repaired knee, the Boston Herald reported Thursday. If the infection is not brought under control, the Herald reports, the patellar tendon graft used to replace Brady's anterior cruciate ligament could become compromised.

watch dog

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I feel it is my obligation to warn you about something. Friday's Bulls game is their last before they start regular-season play Tuesday. Even with standout rookie Derrick Rose, it's apt to get ugly at the United Center this season.

I hope I am proven wrong, but I am rarely wrong.

What? Of course I didn't pick the Cubs to win the World Series. Hey, look over there, it's a random distraction.

NBA PRESEASON
Bulls vs. Milwaukee
7:30 p.m. Friday, CSN

Scott Skiles returns to town. You know he's jealous of Vinny Del Negro's hair.

Oklahoma City vs. L.A.
9:30 p.m. Friday, ESPN

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weekend best bets

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Bright idea

Work up a sweat on the dance floor as DJs Tony Talwar and Jimmy Singh spin Bollywood, bhangra, world and hip-hop in honor of **Diwali '08**. The major Indian holiday, known globally as the Festival of Lights, starts Tuesday, but we think an early celebration is—umm—a seriously bright idea. Includes special Indian-themed cocktails ($6). 9 p.m. Friday. $10-$15. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695. R.S.V.P. for reduced admission before 11 p.m.: **rsvp.goodforparty.com**

PARTY PICKS

Bridge the gap

Just when we thought pub crawls were fair-weather friends, along comes the **Twin Bridges Tavern Tour**. Named after the two bridges in River West, the autumn crawl kicks off with a buffet breakfast at Mahoney's Pub & Grille before tapping into drink specials at eight neighborhood bars, including J. Patrick's (1367 W. Erie St.), Emmit's (1367 W. Erie St.) and Twisted Spoke (1367 W. Erie St.). Think it's too chilly to crawl? Don't fret: A bus provides round-trip transportation to all the stops. 11 a.m. Saturday. $10-$15. 551 N. Ogden Ave. 312-733-2121.

Time of your life

Flirty Girl Fitness takes inspiration from the musical production of "Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage" (continuing at Cadillac Palace Theatre through Jan. 17) with a **"Dirty Dancing" party** based on the iconic romance. Learn steps from the production during couples dance lessons (9-11 p.m.) and mingle with the Chicago cast while Flirty Girl dancers perform a "Dirty" tribute. Also includes a DJ, martinis (9-10 p.m.), appetizers and a raffle. 9 p.m. Friday. $20. 1325 W. Randolph St. 312-666-2266.

BEST OF THE REST

Fido fiesta

Halloween goes to the dogs—literally—at the **Howl-o-Ween Costume Contest and Parade for Dogs**. Doll up your canine for a chance to win cash prizes at the fourth annual alfresco bash. Includes doggie photo portraits ($5) and popcorn and cider vendors. Prizes go to best pet-owner combo costume, funniest get-up and more. In case of rain: Bow Wow Lounge (1744 W. Winona St.). Register at 12:30 p.m.; parade at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. $5 per dog; free for people. Meet at the parking lot at Winnemac and Ravenswood Avenues. 773-989-4514.

Song and dance

Local stars take the spotlight at **Gays Got Talent**. Watch or compete as LGBT artists sing, dance, juggle and perform in drag for crowd appeal—and $100 cash. The audience and a panel of judges select three winners to advance to the Jan. 10 semi-finals. The winner of the Jan. 24 finale takes home $1,000 cash, a trip to Toronto and more. Register at 7 p.m.; contest at 8 p.m. Sunday. $10 for performers; $5 for spectators. Star Gaze, 5419 N. Clark St. Questions: **wcmgpromo@gmail.com**

"Phantom of the Paradise"

Cutthroat cuts

Have a killer time at the **Music Box Massacre IV**, a 24-hour slay-a-thon featuring 13 new and classic horror flicks, including William Friedkin's 1973 thriller "The Exorcist" and Brian DePalma's 1974 classic "Phantom of the Paradise." Writer-director Clive Barker ("The Midnight Meat Train") and other filmmakers attend. Also features vendors, vintage trailers and a live auction. Costumes and PJs are encouraged. Films start at noon Saturday; tickets include come-and-go entry. $27-$33. Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-6607.

Funnies business

Comic book fans, brace yourself for the **Windy City Comicon**. The inaugural convention boasts thousands of back issues, statues, toys and books to browse and buy, plus game tournaments in genre favorites HeroClix and Magic, and classes with tips for creating your own comics. Renowned artists Gene Ha, Skottie Young, Mike Norton and others mingle with the crowd and sketch on site. 10 a.m. Saturday. $5. Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St. 773-472-6469. Contact: **windycitycomicon.com**

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$3 Guinness and Blue Moon drafts, $3 Three Olives Cherry cocktails and Jameson shots; 2274 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-7940.

HARRY CARAY'S TAVERN
7 p.m.: PreBOX 2008. A pre-party for the 13th annual 12 Bars of Christmas pub crawl (Dec. 13) features a three-hour drink package. $25; 3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800.

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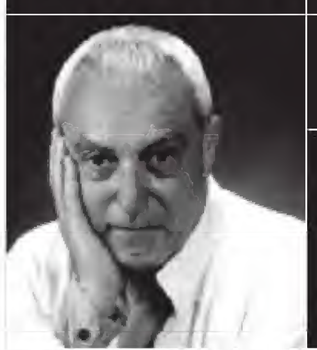

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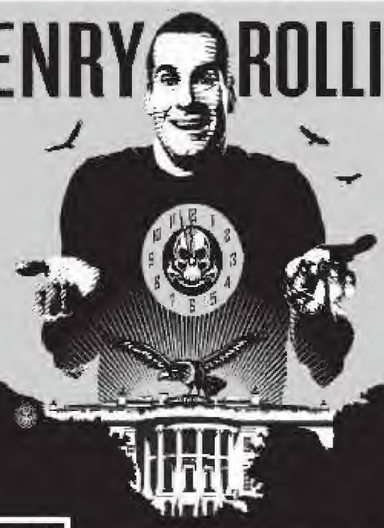

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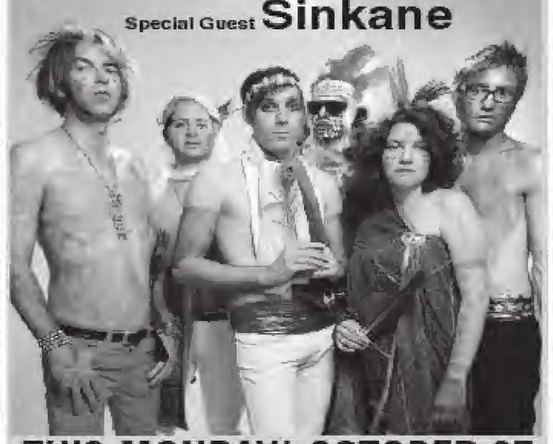

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With record label turmoil behind her, singer Nikka Costa feels liberated

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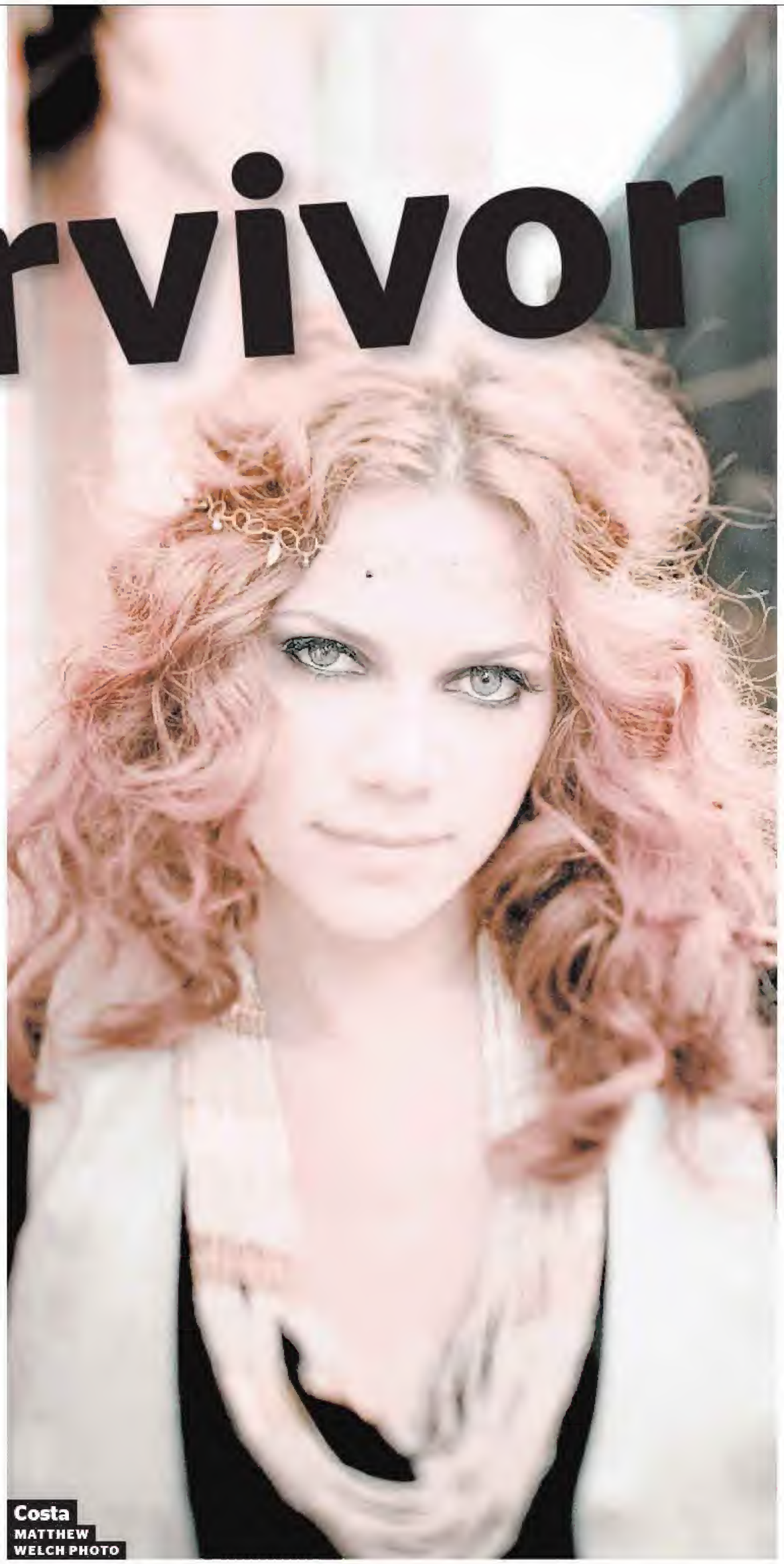

Costa
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The Morning Call

Nikka Costa is flattered but philosophical when people ask why she is not yet a big star. "I tell them it's a tough business," says the 36-year-old L.A. chanteuse, speaking from Miami on the day her buzzworthy new CD, "Pebble to a Pearl," is being released. "A lot of things that went down seemed to work against it."

Actually, three words—record company problems—could pretty much summarize why Costa still is a cult figure after 2001's stellar pop-soul CD, "Everybody Got Their Something," which included the sultry single "Like a Feather," and 2005's unusual if uneven soul-funk-rock-blues amalgam "Can'tneverdidnothin'."

But now that her old label, Virgin Records, is in her rearview and she is making the music she wants to for the newly revitalized Stax imprint—which in the 1960s and early '70s was the home of Southern soul music—Costa is enjoying the bliss of surviving an unhappy and potentially career-threatening situation.

And that buoyancy suffuses the grooves of "Pebble to a Pearl," a horn-accented, funky guitar-fired gem of a record that reverberates with echoes of Otis Redding, Aretha Franklin, Sly Stone, Al Green, Motown and New Orleans.

"[Leaving Virgin] was tumultuous, but it's the same story so many artists have had," she says. "It was definitely difficult. I didn't bounce back superfast. Actually it was a little soul destroying.

"But by the time I made ['Pebble'], I was so happy to be able to do what I wanted and not have any suits [businessmen] nearby. It was a very liberating feeling to get back to the kind of music I was listening to when I got into the business—early Stevie [Wonder], Aretha Franklin. So I've come full circle in a way. And that's why ['Pebble'] has a positive tone to it."

On her new disc, Costa sings passionately and movingly about finding and losing love, taking chances and expecting more from life.

Many of those feelings coalesce in one of "Pebble's" strongest tracks, the muscular, feisty soul workout "Can't Please Everybody."

"It kind of sums up the head space I've been in the past few years and maybe even my whole career," Costa says. "I've always been outside the box. It's not that I don't want major success, but not at the sacrifice of music I wouldn't want to sing for the next 20 years.

"There's always going to be someone telling what they think you should do, so you may as well stick to your guns."

Nikka Costa
When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave.

Radiohead experiment paid off

Chicago Tribune

"It's up to you."

So said Radiohead when it came time for fans to pick a price for downloading initial copies of the band's 2007 album, "In Rainbows," from the U.K. quintet's Web site.

The name-your-price experiment paid off big-time, numbers released Monday indicate. A year after the album's release, the band's publicist announced that "In Rainbows" has sold 3 million copies, including downloads from **radiohead.com**, and sales of digital albums from other retailers, CDs and a boxed set.

The sales from the band's Web site alone exceeded the total sales for the band's previous album, "Hail to the Thief," released by largely conventional means through a major label in 2003. At the time, the album was available legally in essentially only one format: a compact disc.

Though many fans took advantage of the band's offer to download "In Rainbows" and paid nothing for it, the new numbers affirm that the windfall of publicity garnered by the "It's up to you" move generated a new level of interest in the band.

When physical copies of the album finally were made available three months after the digital release, "In Rainbows" debuted atop both the U.S. and U.K. pop charts.

The sales included 100,000 boxed sets sold at the U.S. equivalent of $81 from the Web site and 1.75 million CDs, according to the band's publisher, Warner Chappell. The album, the seventh studio release in a career stretching back to the early '90s, was a prelude to the band's most successful tour yet, playing to 1.2 million fans.

Radiohead's Thom Yorke
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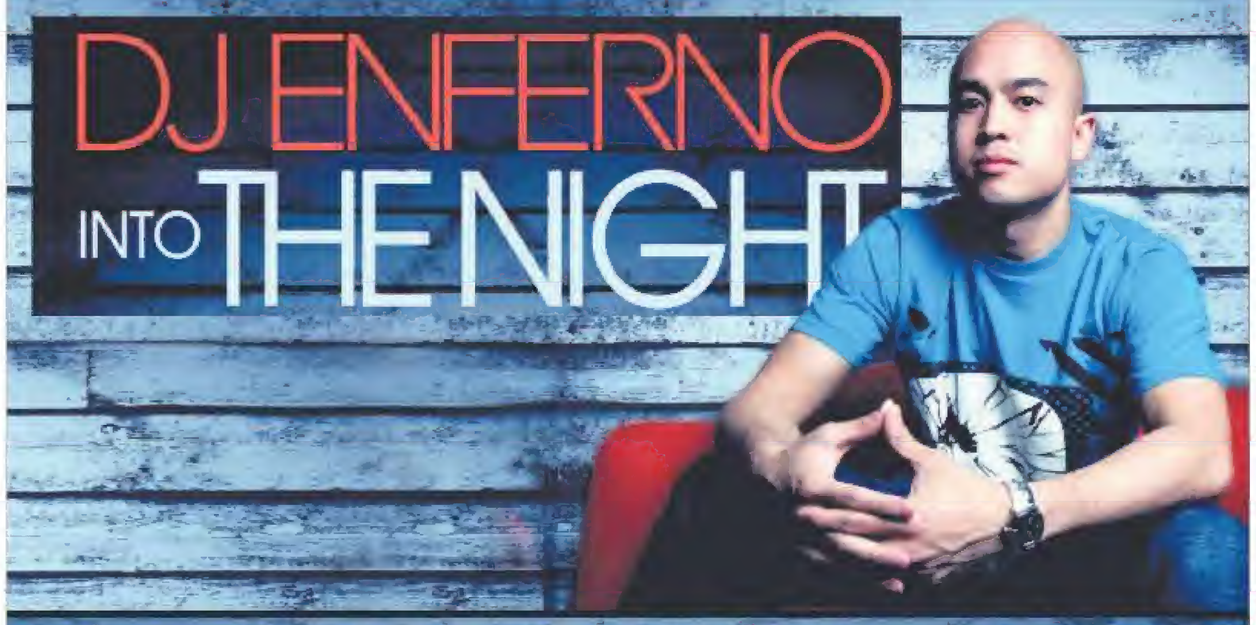

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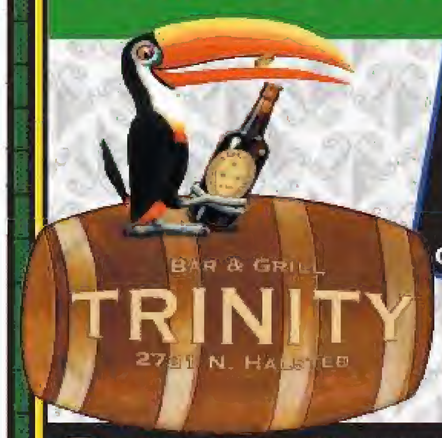

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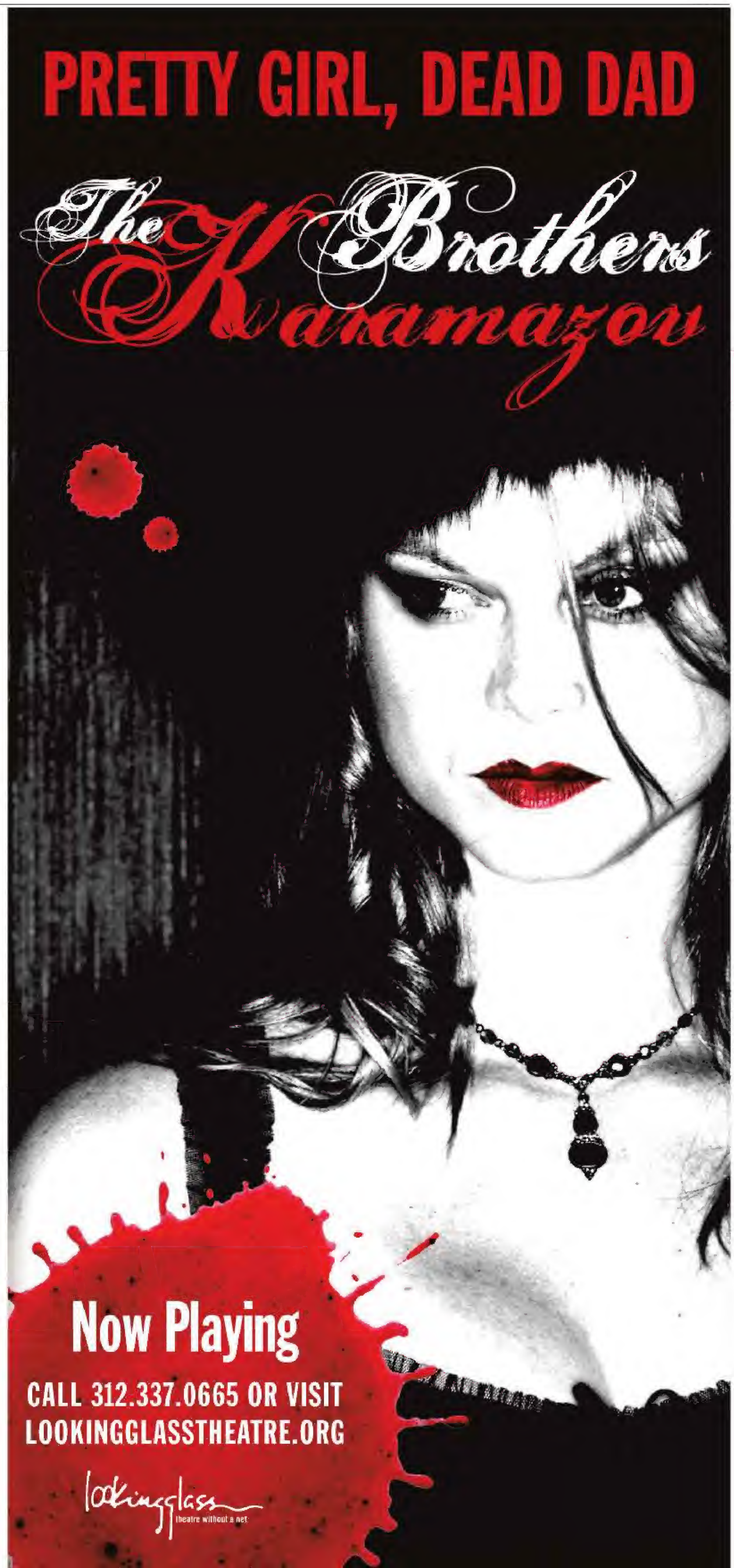

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"Jolie brings out the best in the script and transcends its limitations." **MICHAEL PHILLIPS** Chicago Tribune movie critic

Action hero, serious actress—no matter whom she's playing, Angelina Jolie is a mother of a star

New York Times News Service

Angelina Jolie does not travel light.

A few weeks ago, when she arrived for the New York Film Festival premiere of "Changeling," the new Clint Eastwood drama opening Friday, she brought along her partner of three years, Brad Pitt, and their sons, Maddox, 7, and Pax, 4, daughters Zahara, 3, and Shiloh, 2, and 3-month-old twins Knox and Vivienne. The eight of them had flown in from Germany, where the family has settled while Pitt shoots Quentin Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds."

"We're all a little jet-lagged," she said, not looking jet-lagged in the least.

Carrying a lot of baggage is something Jolie seems to greet with serenity—as a mother. As an actress, however, Jolie knows it poses a potential problem.

At 33 she occupies a rare place within Hollywood's uppermost tier of female stars. She cannot escape her several identities. The Oscar-winning, serious actress also is the dominatrix-ish action dynamo who can open slam-bang guy movies. She's also the humanitarian activist and is half of Bradgelina, an unincorporated business that remains the celebrity magazine industry's best bet for surviving the economic crisis.

Jolie said she mostly manages to ignore her existence as a tabloid sensation. She lives "in a bit of a bubble when it comes to people's perceptions of me, which I'm sure is a very good thing," she said, laughing, "because I'm sure it's not always very nice."

She admits that her ever-growing fame could endanger her ability to do the very job that made her famous—to make audiences believe she's somebody else. In short, to vanish.

Boy crazy

Growing up, Angelina Jolie said, she found her on-screen role models weren't actresses but rather "Al Pacino in 'Dog Day Afternoon,' [Marlon] Brando in 'Streetcar,' [Jack] Nicholson—I just always liked the men." That may be part of the reason she has become virtually the only current A-list actress to achieve her status while completely bypassing romantic comedies. Nobody is ever likely to call her "America's Sweetheart."

"Can I do that?" she asked. "I certainly hope so. I wouldn't put myself forward to do a film like 'Changeling' if I thought I couldn't pull people into a story because of all the other ways people see me."

In "Changeling," Jolie plays Christine Collins, a switchboard supervisor and single mother in 1928 L.A. whose 9-year-old son is kidnapped. Five months after the child's disappearance, the L.A. Police Department hands her a boy it insists is her son, and department officials attempt to destroy her life when she says they're wrong.

When Jolie first read the "Changeling" script, "I said, this is absolutely great, and I never want to do it," she recalled. "I don't want to put my consciousness on children being kidnapped. But I couldn't forget about her. I found myself telling Brad and friends of mine the story."

"Changeling" arrived at a painful moment for Jolie. In January 2007 her mother, Marcheline Bertrand, died of ovarian cancer at 56.

"My mom, she was a very, very soft woman," she said. "It was hard for her to yell, or even curse. But when it came to fighting for her kids, she found a strength she didn't always know she had. And there's a part of Christine that I connected to her."

Grief hit Jolie hard—and led, oddly, not to "Changeling" but to "Wanted," a blood-splashed, R-rated comic-book adaptation in which she gives what she wryly called "my Clint Eastwood performance" as a ruthless, almost superhuman gunslinger who utters barely two dozen lines.

"I knew instinctively that I needed something before 'Changeling,'" she said. "I was depleted. I was in a state of just wanting to pull the covers over my head and cry about my mom. ... It's like therapy."

Jolie, who says she doesn't particularly like to watch her own work, hasn't seen "Wanted." The film has grossed more than $300 million worldwide. "I'm glad it worked out," she said with a smile.

She has, however, seen "Changeling."

"Clint asked me to," she said. "What are you going to do, say no to Clint?"

She'll be saying "no" more often in the future; Jolie said she expects acting to play a diminishing role in her life. She has taken all of 2008 off from filmmaking and has only two movies lined up next year—the spy thriller "Edwin A. Salt," which will begin production in February, and the sequel to "Kung Fu Panda."

"It's a big hit in the house," she said. "Jack Black is like De Niro to the kids."

For the past several months, since the twins were born this summer, her older kids have been homeschooled, "and they've had Mommy and Daddy every day for every meal, and they've been very close to us." It's not a routine she's eager to disrupt. Deciding to take a job is "really hard," she said.

"As long as I can still be with my family, it's fun. But I only want to do that, and I'm not looking for anything else."

mommy fierce

Looks like our Twitter audience prefers action to drama, at least when it comes to Angelina Jolie. We asked what you liked her more in—serious dramatic roles or kick-ass action thrillers. Here's some of what you had to say. Want to play a role in the next RedEye feature? Sign up today at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

» **sloney:** kick-ass. I appreciate a hottie who can kick my ass. BIG turn on.

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» **tboy1der:** kickass action baby

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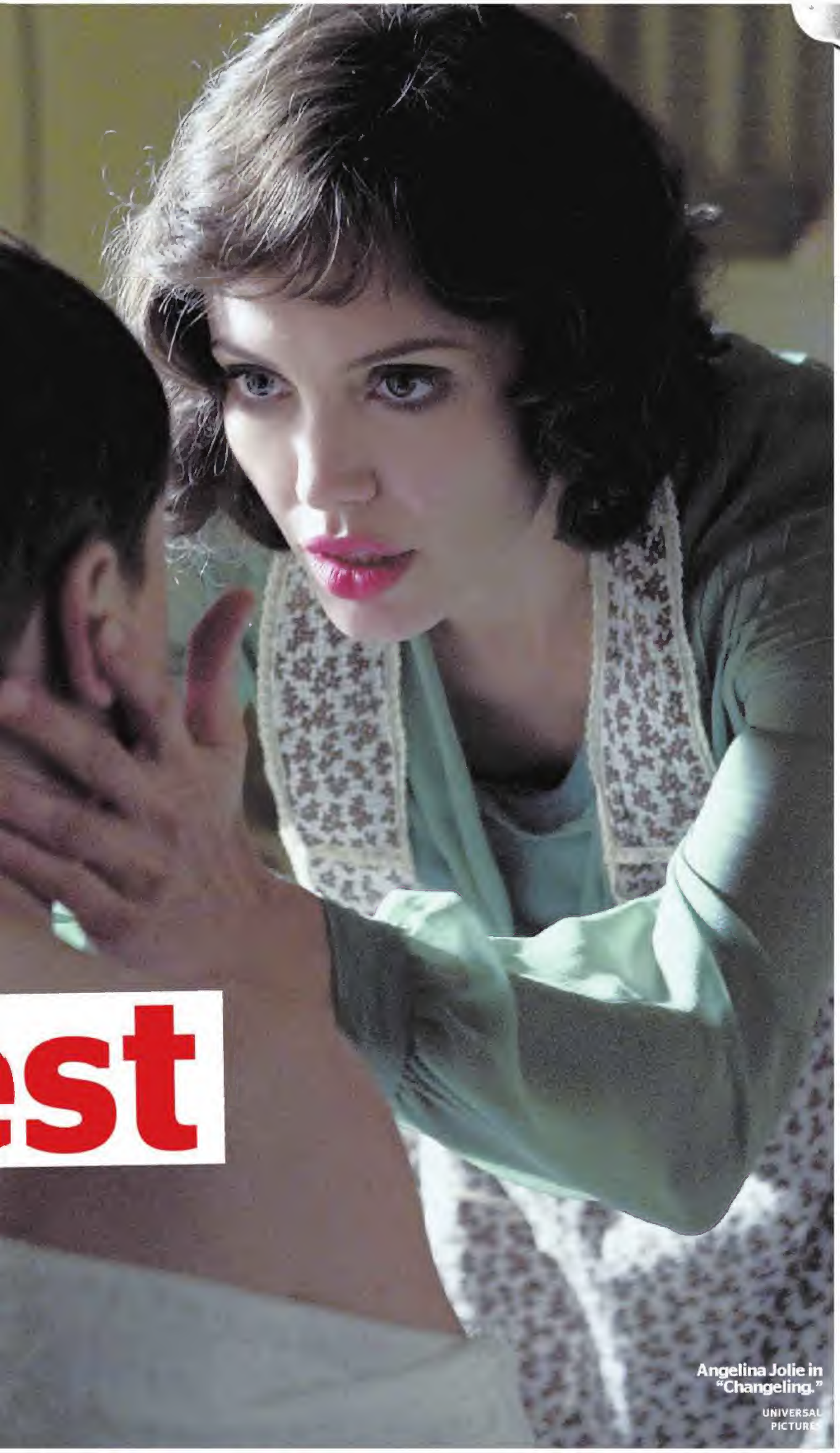
» **neilarsenty:** Whatever she's the hottest and sexiest in.

» **johnsensfan:** A. Jolie, neither to be honest

» **djpillsburyd:** kick-ass action thrillers think of how hot and sweaty she gets

» **Kellisanth:** Gotta have her as a tough kick-ass, take names later! Drama is nice, but she's better at the rough-n-tumble, with a smile.

» **egspoony:** I preefer Angelina Jolie in "Bound"... There I said what everyone's thinking ...



Angelina Jolie in "Changeling."

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GOOD ANGIE VS. BAD ANGIE

Changelina

Starring as a mother looking for her missing child in "Changeling," Angelina Jolie yet again showcases her ability to switch from action-adventure heroine to serious, dramatic actress. She has exposed that duality in interviews about her life as well. But who's the fiercest—Angie the angel or the devilish Jolie? REDEYE, NYT

Angel: Jolie was downright saintly as Mariane Pearl, widow of murdered journalist Daniel Pearl, in 2007's "A Mighty Heart." It should have earned her an Oscar nomination.

MOMMY ROLES

Devil: Her sexy, sultry turn as Grendel's deadly mom (and Beowulf's baby mama) in 2006's "Beowulf" earned her acclaim on the Web—and in the darkened bedrooms of fanboys worldwide. You know who you are!

She won an Oscar for 1999's "Girl, Interrupted" and acclaim for understated roles in other character-driven dramas such as "The Good Shepherd." You can almost tell how serious the movie is based on how bee-stung Jolie's lips look on screen.

MOVIE ROLES

In "Wanted," filmed in Chicago, Jolie played an assassin with attitude—the way it should be. Two "Tomb Raider" films, "Gone in 60 Seconds," "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"—all hits. Tough and sexy sells. And if the lips are a-poutin', there ain't no doubtin'.

She and partner Brad Pitt have six children, three of them adopted. And Jolie has hinted that they are open to more! Minivan manufacturers of the world, rejoice.

BRADGELINA

Despite the goodwill generated by her Earth Mother aura projects, some still blame her for breaking up Pitt's marriage to Jennifer Aniston while filming "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" in 2005. Get over it!

THE WINNER: JOLIE

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High School Musical 3: Senior Year

(G)

With graduation looming, Troy (Zac Efron) wonders if he'll go to college for basketball or theater; Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) anticipates heading to Stanford and being away from Troy; and Sharpay (Ashley Tisdale) schemes to score a Juilliard scholarship. Meanwhile, Chad (Corbin Bleu), Taylor (Monique Coleman), Ryan (Lucas Grabeel) and the rest of the gang prep for prom and put on a musical about their impending life changes.

The buzz: Complaining that "HSM" is corny is like Santa Claus griping about long hours—it comes with the territory.

The verdict: Yes, half the lyrics would be at home on a Backstreet Boys record, and Hudgens looks embarrassed when Gabriella's Troy-inspired swooning reaches new heights of cheeseballitude. But the series has grown up, relatively speaking, at last providing melodies that split the difference between stage tunes and pop radio, as well as dance sequences that mix old-fashioned grace with modern pizzazz. (Efron's star shines the entire way.)

Hawkins (left) and Zegerman in "Happy-Go-Lucky"
MIRAMAX FILMS

Happy-Go-Lucky

(R)

London schoolteacher Poppy (Sally Hawkins) is full of life, which inspires affection from some and skepticism from others. The film follows her as she hangs with her roommate/best friend (Alexis Zegerman), takes driving lessons from an angry teacher (Eddie Marsan), flirts with a social worker (Samuel Roukin), goes out drinking, takes a dance class and chats with her sisters.

The buzz: This is a much, much less gloomy affair than writer-director Mike Leigh's last film, 2004's "Vera Drake," and "Happy" is a particularly strange one in that there's barely any plot to summarize. Rather than serving as a film for people who want a clear conflict and resolution, it's a snapshot of one woman, how she interacts with those around her and how they react to her.

The verdict: Prepare to have your batteries recharged. Absolutely extraordinary in its grounded optimism, "Happy-Go-Lucky" features an Oscar-worthy performance from Hawkins that cannot be ignored. With the slightest grin or clench of the eyes, Hawkins reveals exactly what makes Poppy tick, in a way that feels like you know everything about her without actually knowing much at all.

MATT PAIS IS METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.

QUICK TAKE

Filth and Wisdom *(R)*

"The best part of 'Filth and Wisdom,' Madonna's (right) directorial debut, is that it's only 81 minutes long. It could have been 82."

NEELY TUCKER, THE WASHINGTON POST

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- "Pride and Glory" **See Page 35**
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Colin keeps it clean

Los Angeles Daily News

Colin Farrell was hot from the moment he arrived in Hollywood from Ireland.

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MATT PAIS GIVES THE MOVIE

"'PRIDE AND GLORY' DOESN'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE POLICE PROCEDURAL GENRE."

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Farrell has been keeping a low profile since entering rehab in late 2005. He doesn't discuss his love life anymore (he's been romantically linked to English novelist Emma Forrest most recently). And he's enjoyed critical acclaim for this year's "Cassandra's Dream" and "In Bruges."

In his latest movie, "Pride and Glory," he plays a dirty cop who marries into a family of New York police officers, including one played by Edward Norton. During a recent chat, Farrell was talkative as ever.

This is the first time we've talked to you since you went into rehab. Nice to see you without a drink in your hand—though you were always a lot of fun back then.

I mean ... well, y'know, big life change. And a life change that is not an uncommon one. A lot of people who have my malady wouldn't have been picked apart the way I have, but also a lot of people wouldn't get the public pat on the back that at times I get as well. So there's a kind of a balance within the imbalance of how my life is seen from the outside. And it's been good, yeah.

Was your 5-year-old son, James, a major motivation for sobering up?

Always. It was one area of my life that I'd been as fully present in as I possibly could when I was living the way I was living. But there's no doubt I'm much more present in his life now, that's the huge thing. And he was a huge, if not the primary, reason why I got straight.

James has the rare genetic disorder Angelman syndrome. Its symptoms include developmental delays but also a really positive personality. Difficult to deal with?

Yeah. Kinda difficult, kinda not. I mean, thank whatever the power that is, he's not in pain and his life isn't in danger. And he's a really happy boy.

Jimmy Egan, your crooked cop character in "Pride and Glory," does something so heinous ...

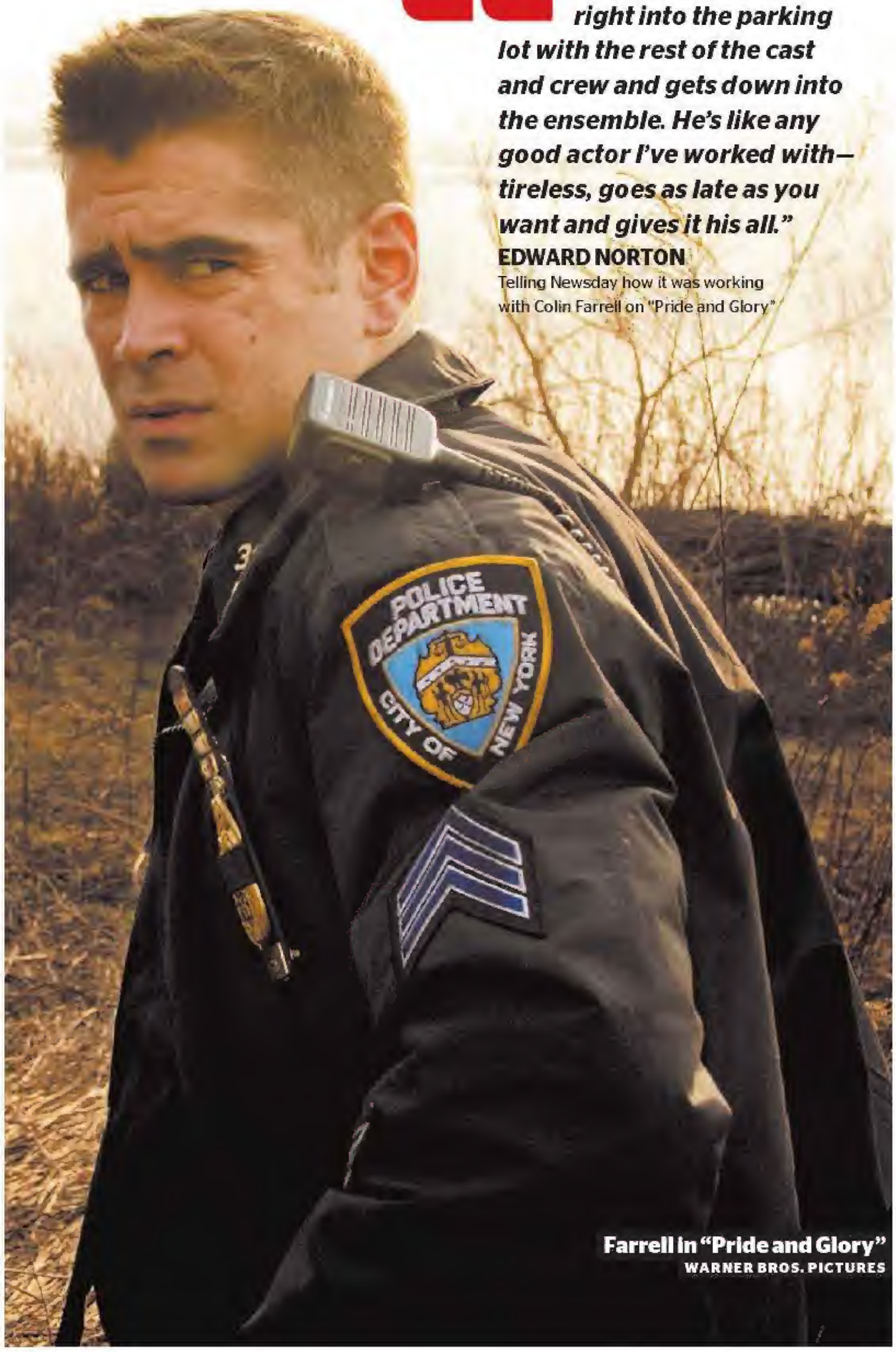
I don't feel the violence in the film is gratuitous. Gratuitous is violence without any cost, without seeing the weight of it and how it affects people negatively, if it's there solely for kicks and entertainment purposes. With this in mind, we have a scene that stretches the realms of responsibility vs. irresponsibility in film, it was that egregious. But I felt it was essential to show the level of desperation that this character had got at, and what he would do.

You play American football in the film's opening scenes. How does a son and nephew of professional Irish soccer players feel about the sport?

To be honest with you, out of all of your sports, American football is me favorite. I still, of course, take slight umbrage to the idea that it's called football when the only two people who use their feet are the punt kicker and the field goal kicker!

Do you still call Dublin home?

I live in L.A. the majority of the time because me boy is here in school. ... I've made a home here, man. Never thought I would. I have a few mates that I adore and a lovely home. But I keep an apartment in Dublin, and it's back and forth between there.



Farrell in "Pride and Glory"
WARNER BROS. PICTURES

"Colin's great, I really enjoyed it. He's utterly unpretentious, pulls right into the parking lot with the rest of the cast and crew and gets down into the ensemble. He's like any good actor I've worked with—tireless, goes as late as you want and gives it his all."

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'HSM 3' marks end of a phenomenon

The Fresno Bee

Zac Efron's face has launched a thousand sighs. His blue eyes can make the heart of a tween girl skip a beat.

And to think—three years ago he was just another young actor who sometimes worked and saw his name come up on the credits near the end of a TV show.

"High School Musical" made Efron a star. And now he and his castmates—Corbin Bleu, Vanessa Hudgens, Monique Coleman and Ashley Tisdale—are saying farewell. The gang from East High have danced and sung their way to graduation in the feature film "High School Musical 3: Senior Year," opening Friday.

It is hard for Efron to say goodbye to the shows. The movies made him a lot of close friends. His face is on clothes, sheets and other merchandise. And then there is that whole fame thing.

Emotions overflowed during the filming of "HSM3." Production on the final scene had to be stopped because cast members were crying too much to continue.

"We were standing on stage watching the curtain close on the stage where we had done so many musical numbers. That was where it all started. It was symbolic of our journey," Efron said. "We have come a long way as Wildcats. But even more as individuals."

Efron has come a long way in a short time as an actor. Gone are the days of bit roles in TV shows while still in high school. "High School Musical" lead to a role in the feature film "Hairspray." His next movie releases coming up are "17 Again" and "Me and Orson Welles." It the first movie he plays a 37-year-old guy in a 17-year-old's body. The other is a drama set in 1937. It is about Orson Welles' Mercury Theater group putting on a production of "Julius Caesar." Efron describes them as "completely different roles."

> ***"This has been a very safe and creative place to work for the past three years. It is going to be pretty hard to leave behind."***
> **ZAC EFFRON**

And then there is "Footloose." His name has been linked for years to a potential remake of the Kevin Bacon film. Efron says it looks like that is going to happen.

As for what he thinks about all of the attention, Efron said, "I am having a good time."

Now the "High School" chapter of his acting life is done. It is hard for Efron to pick just one best memory of his days making the three "High School Musical" films.

"I don't know if you can put it all into one specific memory. I think it is just the environment," he said. "This has been a very safe and creative place to work for the past three years. It is going to be pretty hard to leave behind."

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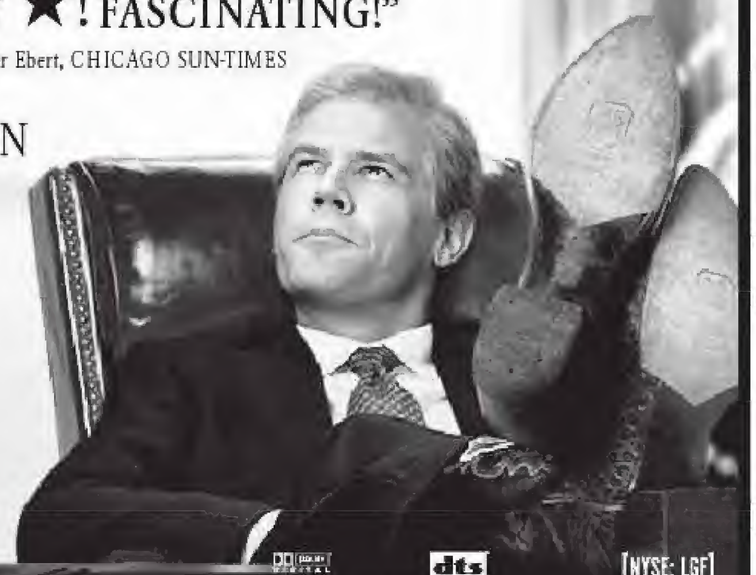

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Vanessa Hudgens was blessed and knows it

Hudgens

The Fresno Bee

Vanessa Hudgens has plenty of reasons to be happy.

Her role as Gabriella Montez in the three "High School Musical" films gave her a chance to do the thing she loves to do: act, sing, dance. She even found romance with her leading man, Zac Efron.

That romance has not been all smiles. Tabloids and Web sites printed nude photos Hudgens had sent to Efron. That's the kind of stuff that makes Mickey Mouse blush.

Mostly, though, it has all been good. Hudgens began acting at such an early age that she was home-schooled. No traditional high school experience for her. No prom. No graduation line.

She gets to do it all in "High School Musical 3: Senior Year," which opens Friday.

"That is just another reason why 'High School Musical' means so much for me. I got to go to my prom for the first time, but it was a lot better. I got to have the prom every girl wishes they have," Hudgens says of the film's prom sequence. "I got to wear a cap and gown for the first time and graduate with people who I love dearly, cast members who have become my dearest friends."

Hudgens was drawn from the first audition to the chance to play such a positive Latino character.

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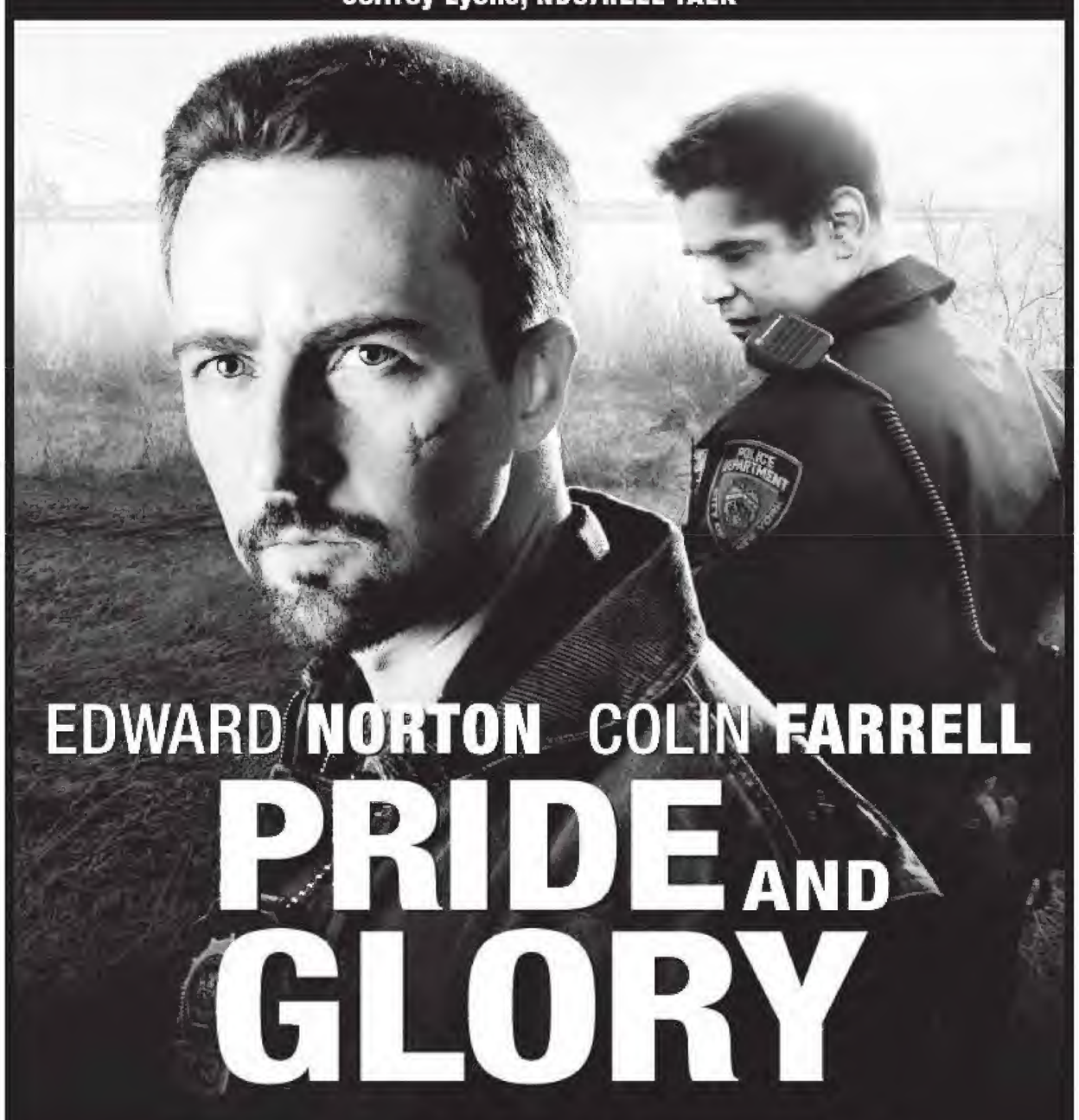

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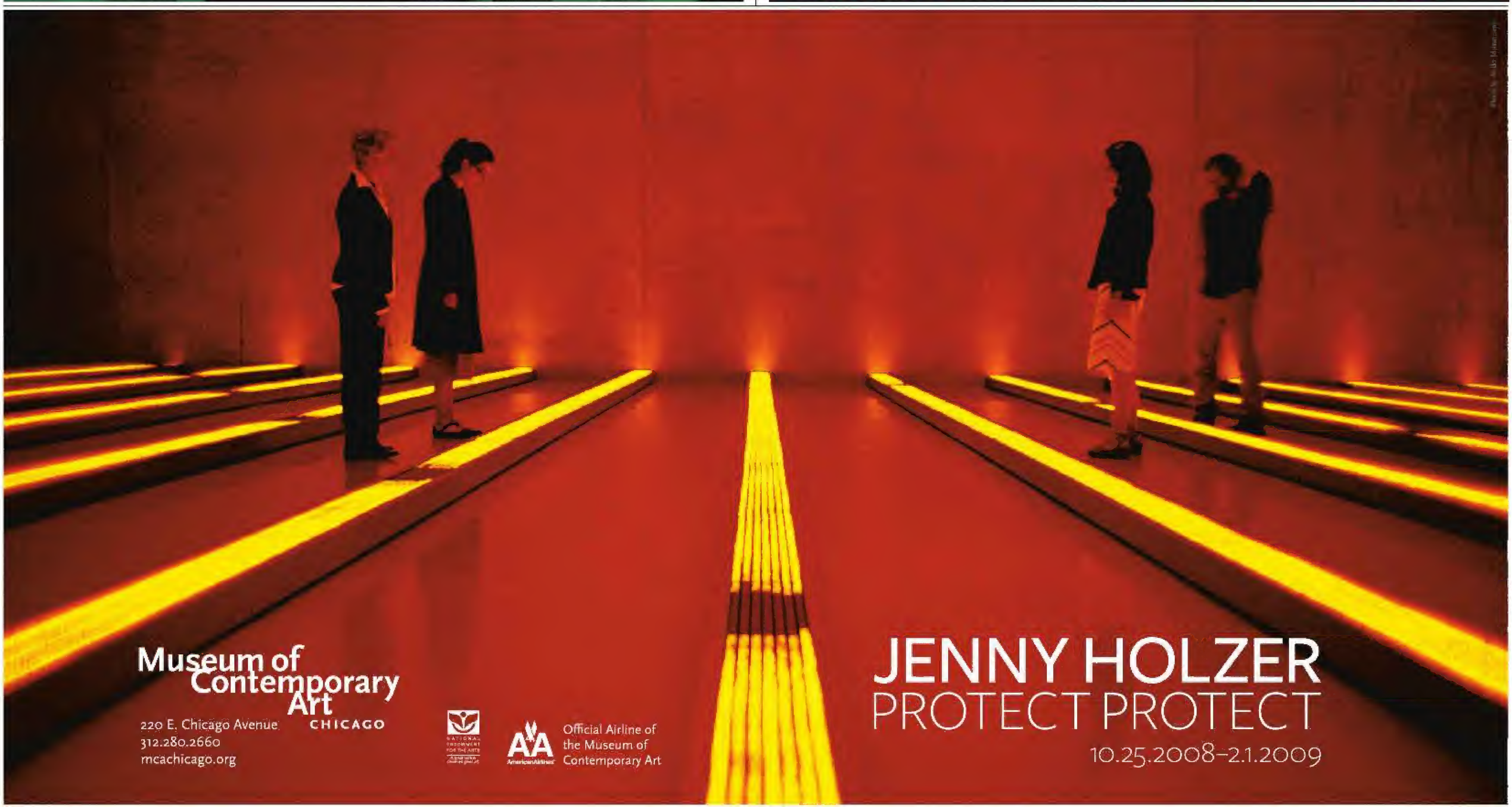

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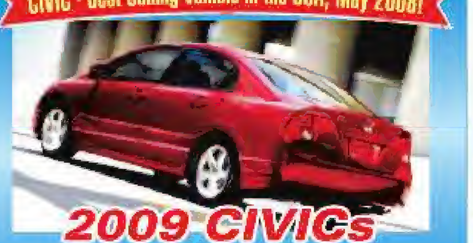

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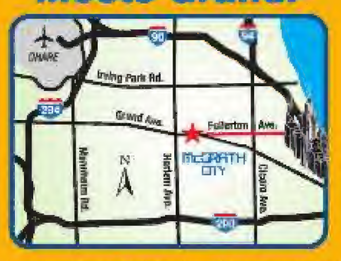

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'Happy-Go-Lucky' star all smiles over leading role

The Philadelphia Inquirer

"I suppose I'm quite smiley," says Sally Hawkins as she laughs, as if to prove the point.

Although not quite as smiley, she concedes, as the character she plays in "Happy-Go-Lucky." In Mike Leigh's film opening Friday, Hawkins—a thin, wide-eyed, dark-haired Londoner—stars as Poppy, a thin, wide-eyed, dark-haired Londoner. Hawkins' Poppy, a primary-school art teacher, meanders through her days and nights with a sense of idealism and good cheer.

"She has this incredible momentum through life," Hawkins says. "It was quite a joy to play her, actually, and quite freeing, because she's so cheeky—and I love that."

Hawkins, 32, has worked with British director Leigh twice before: on the period abortion drama "Vera Drake," and on 2002's washed-up-marriage/working-class gloomfest "All or Nothing." Both times, her characters were on the periphery.

In "Happy-Go-Lucky," Hawkins, in many ways, is the movie. The role earned her the best actress prize at the Berlin Film Festival in January and has been generating Oscar buzz for months.

"I was sort of in denial about being the 'leading woman,'" says Hawkins, in a Park Avenue hotel the day following "Happy-Go-Lucky's" New York Film Festival premiere.

"I never allowed myself to believe that. Even though, I suppose, it was quite obvious during rehearsals and filming that I was being used a lot."

But Hawkins was certainly familiar with how Leigh has worked: months of rehearsals and workshops, without a script, during which he and the actors develop the characters and plot out various scenarios. It isn't until this long, arduous preliminary process is over that the director goes off and puts his screenplay together, culled from weeks and months of improvisation.

"What's great about working with Mike is that everyone in the cast is equally important as whomever he ends up focusing on in the end. In some films, it's more spread out, and you get lots of different plots happening and then tied together. ...

"So, there's rarely someone known as the main actor. It's only now that you go, 'OK, I see, I guess I am.'"

Hawkins in 'Happy-Go-Lucky'
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Who is Sally Hawkins?

The British actress has starred in:

>> "Persuasion" (below) on WTTW earlier this year

>> "Cassandra's Dream" (2008) with Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell

>> "The Painted Veil" (2007) with Edward Norton and Naomi Watts

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Samsung teams up with Netflix for Blu-ray DVDs

Associated Press

Samsung Electronics is equipping Blu-ray DVD players so they can retrieve movies and TV shows from Netflix's Internet streaming service, accelerating Netflix's push to develop more delivery methods beyond the mail.

The deal, announced Thursday, could set the stage for Netflix to embed software connecting to its streaming service directly into TV sets made by Samsung.

In a statement, Netflix and Samsung said they are planning to plant the streaming capability in a variety of home entertainment products. Reed Hastings, Netflix's chief executive officer, declined to elaborate on the other possibilities in an interview.

This won't be the first time that Netflix has piped its online content through Blu-ray DVD players—devices built to show movies in high-definition quality that outshines traditional DVD players.

LG Electronics began selling a $350 Blu-ray player with Netflix streaming earlier this month.

Samsung's connection to the Netflix service will work through two Blu-ray models, the BD-P2500 and BD-P2550, that have already been on the market.

Consumers who already own those Samsung models will need a free software upgrade to make the players compatible with Netflix's streaming service. Future models, carrying a suggested price of $400, will have the Netflix feature built in.

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Indie distributor joins MySpace Music

Associated Press

A month after irking part of the independent recording community by launching its online music service mostly with major labels, MySpace Music has made a deal to almost double the amount of indie tunes available through the service.

In an agreement announced Thursday, the Independent Online Distribution Alliance—a digital distributor of tunes for several thousand labels—will make its library of more than 1 million tracks available through MySpace Music.

IODA founder and Chief Executive Kevin Arnold said he expects songs from its catalog to start showing up through MySpace Music in December. IODA's catalog includes tunes from soul group Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings.

The distributor's tracks will join several million songs that are available for MySpace's roughly 120 million users to hear for free on the site.

Of these songs, about 1.3 million come from one independent music distributor, The Orchard, while most of the rest are from the major labels: Sony BMG Music Entertainment, Warner Music Group, Universal Music Group and EMI Music. Those labels have an ownership stake in the service, which gets its revenue from ads on the site and the sale of songs through Amazon's mp3 downloading service.

Other independent labels have been upset at being left out of the launch of MySpace Music. They also have pointed out that if they were to join the service, the major labels that own a slice of it would profit from the independent labels' success.

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Get creative this Halloween

Albany Times Union

Making your own Halloween get-up can score you some serious creative kudos, and it can be fun. Here are some costume ideas:

Singer Amy Winehouse: Tattoos, beehive, crazy mascara, wife beater, skinny jeans and dirty ballet slippers.

Coco Chanel: If you want to be something fashionable, but not show a lot of skin, wear a black dress, lots of pearls, a cloche hat and carry one of those cigarette holders.

"Deal or No Deal" Girl: Slinky dress. High heels. Case with a number on the outside and $1,000,000 inside.

Old news: Wrap yourself with some old papers and be "Old News." Or you can go as a MySpace page. Put on corny stickers, quotes and photos.

A nerd: Wear a plaid school girl mini-skirt with a T-shirt that says "I Love Math" (**cafepress.com** has tons of nerdy shirts), knee socks with sneakers, a side-ponytail, fake braces and glasses and a fanny pack.

A bottle of wine: Wear a pretty purple, maroon or yellow/gold dress with cork earrings and print the wine label on fabric and wear it as a belt. Also, a box of wine: giant cardboard box and paint.

52 Pick-Up: Wear all black and glue cards all over yourself. Act flirty.

Lost airline luggage: Take a cheap vinyl garment bag and punch holes out for your arms and legs. Attach some stickers to the bag—preferably some real airline stickers with destinations, etc. Add a sticker that says "Unclaimed."

Donald Trump's wife: Wear a black dress or suitable evening gown, a ton of faux diamond jewelry, a wig and great shoes. Get a baby stroller, paint it with gold paint, and rig up a chandelier (a baby gift to Melania Trump when she was pregnant). Toss a baby doll in the carriage, but paste a baby comb-over on its head.

Basket of dirty laundry: Buy the cheapest, lightest laundry basket you can find. Cut a circle out of the bottom, just big enough for your body to fit through. Cut two pieces of clothesline to tie onto the laundry basket to act as suspenders, make them just long enough so the top of the basket hits just about your waist. Hang "dirty" clothes on the basket and yourself, using clothespins and/or safety pins to hold them in place.

Static cling: Spray your hair up and all over the place. Put on a black sweat suit and tape (or pin) mismatched socks to your outfit. Or leave the hair alone and still tape up all the mismatched socks and be "the place in the dryer that takes all your socks."

Stoplight: Get some cardboard and three colored circles. You can even use the red, yellow and green lights to inform people as to whether they should come talk to you or not.

The leg lamp from "A Christmas Story": Wear black high heels, fishnets and a skirt made to look like the lamp shade with black fringe around the edges. If you're going with someone else, have him or her go as Ralphie (a character in the story) and wear pajamas, carry a BB gun and wear a pair of glasses with one eye shot out.

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‘Mad Men’ makes a splash bigger than its ratings

Associated Press

“Mad Men” draws a slice of viewers as slender as Don Draper’s 1960s neckties, yet the TV drama unquestionably is all the rage.

There was a “Mad Men”-themed category last week on “Jeopardy!” along with an online game. A “Mad Men” homage is tucked like a fancy chocolate treat into the Nov. 2 Halloween episode of “The Simpsons.”

Fashion designer Michael Kors cited “Mad Men” as an inspiration. The show’s beautifully retro-styled stars are on magazine covers. A “Mad Men” DVD was spotted at the elbow of Barack Obama aboard his campaign plane.

Jon Hamm, who stars as New York ad man Draper, was picked to host NBC’s “Saturday Night Live” this weekend, the night before the AMC series concludes its second season at 9 p.m. Sunday.

And the show was crowned best drama at this year’s Emmy Awards, the first basic cable show to claim top series honors. Shy of being pumped into the water supply, “Mad Men” is everywhere, except on most people’s TV sets.

About 1.5 million U.S. viewers tune in weekly, with another half-million watching later on DVRs. That compares with the 19 million-plus audience for last week’s No. 1 program, “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation” on CBS.

Doesn’t matter. It’s “Mad Men” that’s permeating the zeitgeist.

“It’s been great. It’s been amazing. Do you have a theory about why it is?” asks series creator and executive producer Matthew Weiner, sounding both delighted and overwhelmed.

“It’s hard to break out from basic cable. ... I had no foresight I would get articles sent to me from friends where it’s become an adjective or involved in the presidential election.”

So how does a drama set in the 1960s—albeit a really cool one with a great-looking cast—end up being so influential?

Weiner can’t explain it, but he’s happy it is.

“If you’re lucky, [a show] resonates on more than one level. If it’s just, ‘I wish I could dress like that, I hate Pete Campbell, Jon Hamm is so handsome,’ that’s OK,” Weiner said. “I’d love to have people welcome it on any level they want to.”

All they have to do is watch.

“Mad Men’s” Hamm and Jones
AMC

WHAT TO EXPECT

When Matthew Wiener planned the second season of “Mad Men” and its finale, he decided it was “going to be about the end of the world,” a theme he knew would echo with viewers even before the economic crisis hit.

The finale, at 9 p.m. Sunday on AMC, is set against the backdrop of the Cuban Missile Crisis that occurred Oct. 22-28, 1962. The crisis spreads panic in New York and the offices of Sterling Cooper, which is about to be purchased by a British ad firm. Don Draper (Jon Hamm) has disappeared; Betty Draper (January Jones) is contemplating her collapsed marriage; and Peggy (Elizabeth Moss) is having a spiritual crisis.

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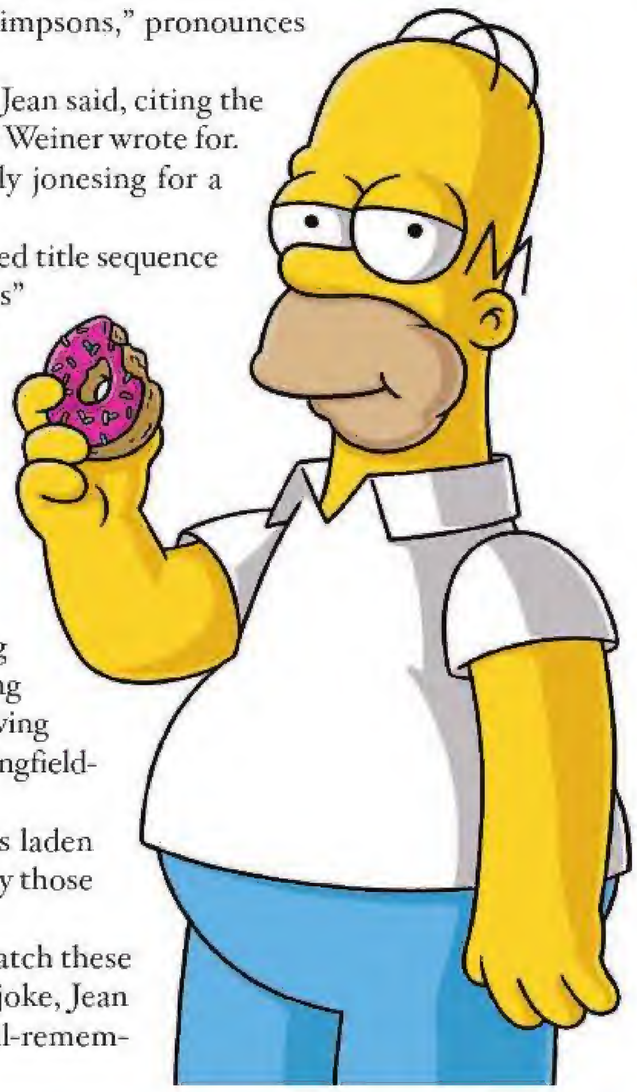

Al Jean, executive producer of Fox's "The Simpsons," pronounces himself a "Mad Men" devotee.

"My wife and I were huge 'Sopranos' fans," Jean said, citing the HBO show that "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner wrote for. "When 'The Sopranos' ended, we were really jonesing for a show like that."

It was Jean's inspiration to adapt the animated title sequence of "Mad Men" for a segment of "The Simpsons" annual Halloween trilogy titled "How to Get Ahead in Dead-Vertising," which airs Nov. 2.

In the "Mad Men" opening, a silhouetted figure (presumably Draper) carries a briefcase into his high-rise office and then is seen tumbling in free-fall past images of ads and slogans ("Enjoy the best America has to offer").

"The Simpsons" version plays to the haunting theme music of "Mad Men." A lunchbox-carrying figure, undoubtedly Homer Simpson, enters a living room and then floats past windows bearing Springfield-centric displays that include a Duff Beer ad.

The long-running animated show always is laden with pop culture references but, says Jean, only those with heft.

"We want to make sure that when people watch these shows 10 years in the future" they'll get the joke, Jean said. He's convinced "Mad Men" will be "well-remembered. It's just a great show." AP

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The drama of lips in deep, dark hues

The Washington Post

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The darkly vampified lipstick is making a comeback. And there's truly something for everyone, whether you are porcelain or ebony of skin, or somewhere in between. It goes without saying that with this dramatic a lip, everything else should be kept to a minimum, makeup-wise. Mascara, a teeny bit of liquid eyeliner. Done. The Vegas showgirl thing is not the look we're going for.

Go really dark

Now that we're used to black nails, the next thing appears to be black lip gloss. Yves Saint Laurent Beauty's Pur Black gloss, $28, is selling out at department stores and **yslbeautyus.com** as fast as it comes in.

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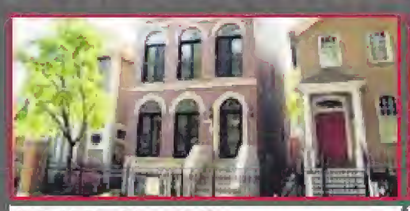

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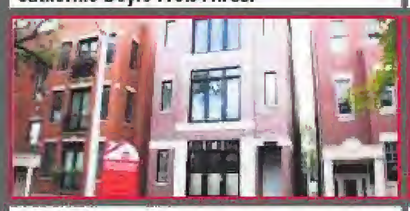

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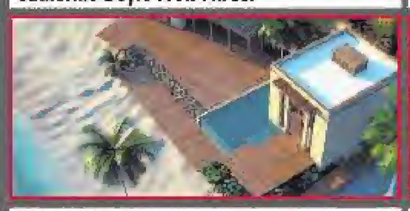

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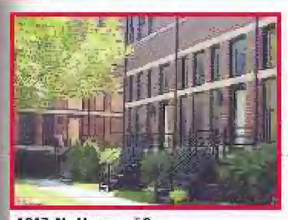

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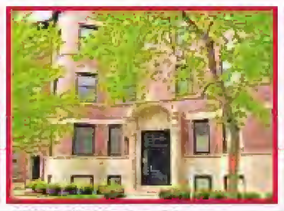

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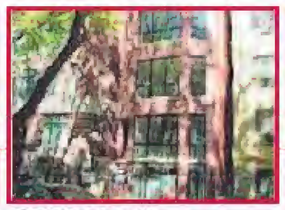

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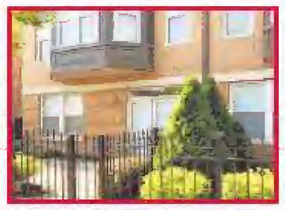

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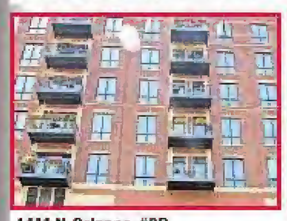
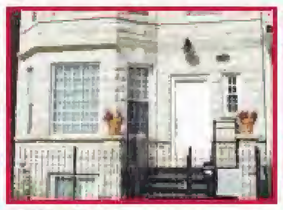
Niko Konstantopulakis 773.297.2969



1444 N Orleans, #8B
$479,000 | Old Town
2BR/2BA Condo
Hans Fedderke 312.399.6534

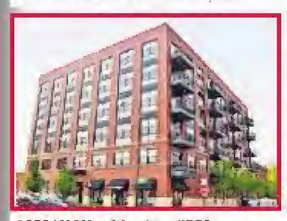
Open Sunday 2-4 PM

1462 Bryn Mawr, #3
$469,900 | Andersonville
3BR/2BA Condo
Kirk Fox 773.972.1963



3508 W Walnut
$425,000 | Garfield Park
3 Flat
Lynn Reidl 773.343.8879

1243 S. Wabash, #302
$419,000 | South Loop
2BR/2BA Condo
Rob Gibson 312.672.2296



1260 W Washington, #208
$399,900 | West Town
2BR/2BA Condo
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41 E. 8th St. #1407
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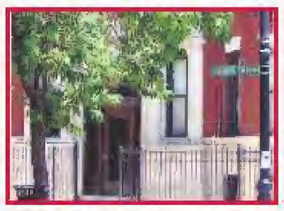
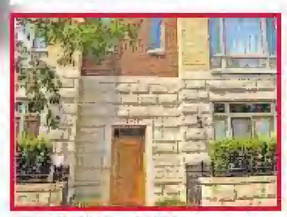
2BR/2BA Condo
Charles Dobson 773.349.7989



3901 N Sheridan, #3
$398,900 | Lakeview
2BR/2BA Condo
Jim Buczynski 773.909.6815

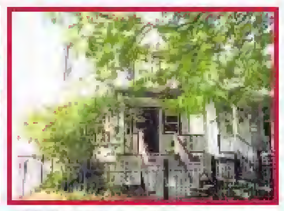
1015 W Buena, #1E
$394,000 | Uptown
2BR/2BA Condo
Marc Westmeyer 773.988.9378



3444 N. Ashland, #3N
$394,900 | Lakeview
2BR/2BA Condo
Jim Buczynski 773.909.6815

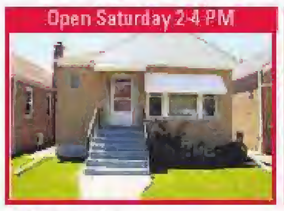
2039 W. Crystal, #2
$375,000 | Wicker Park
2BR/2BA Condo
John Diebel 773.213.2281

3945 N Newland
$368,000 | Dunning
4BR/3BA SFH
Bevin Lynch 773.484.3370



1858 W Berenice, #1
$350,000 | North Center
2BR/1BA Condo
Michelle McClung 773.793.0440

Open Saturday 2-4 PM



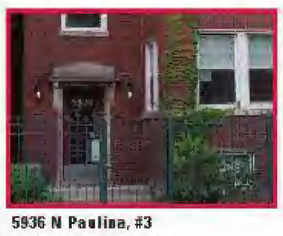
5941 W. Foster
$335,000 | Jefferson Park
3BR/2BA Single Family Home
Charles Dobson 773.349.7989

2915 N Clybourn #407
$335,000 | Roscoe Village
2BR/2BA Condo
Neeti Arndt 773.307.2449

2045 N Larrabee, #105
$349,900 | Lincoln Park
3BR/1BA Condo
Neeti Arndt 773.307.2449

Open Sat 11-1 & Sun 12-2 PM

1429 W Leland, #3
$239,900 | Lincoln Park
2BR/1BA Condo
Charles Dobson 773.349.7989

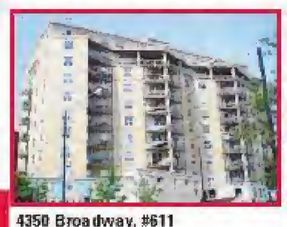


5936 N Paulina, #3
$329,000 | Edgewater
2BR/1BA Condo
Charles Dobson 773.349.7989

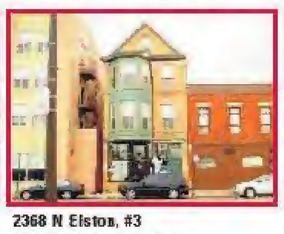
1800 W. Roscoe
$320,000 | Roscoe Village
1BR/1BA
John Diebel 773.213.2281

480 N McClurg Ct. #1112
$309,900 | Streeterville
1BR/1BA Condo
Jim Buczynski 773.909.6815

4731 N Paulina, #1
$309,000 | Ravenswood
2BR/2BA Condo
John Diebel 773.213.2281



4350 Broadway, #611
$219,000 | Lakeview
1BR/1.5BA Condo
Catherine Boyle 773.344.7887



2368 N Elston, #3
$209,900 | Logan Square
1BR/1BA Condo
Lynn Reidl 773.343.8879

2015 W Farragut, #1
$194,900 | Lincoln Square
1BR/1BA Condo
Jim Buczynski 773.909.6815

4215 N Kedvale, #G
$140,000 | Old Irving
1BR/1BA
Doug Meese 773.301.7725

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It's time to groom those eyebrows

The Washington Post
Eyebrow grooming can prove to be a bit tricky even for the most beauty-savvy.

SHAPE UP

Here are the top shaping staples you should be sure to always have in your stash:

» Brow wax. Used to hold brows in place. It's less sticky than a gel or the DIY-version: hairspray. We can't live without the waxy crayon Brow Fix from Anastasia Beverly Hills ($19 at Sephora).

» Tinting powder. Make sure to pick a matte shade that coordinates with your skin tone, not your hair, but don't go more than two shades lighter or darker than your natural color. Apply with an angled brush.

» Slanted tweezers. Pointed tweezers don't grip small hairs as well and can break your skin if you aren't super careful. Choose a slanted version for plucking strays.

Slanted tweezers are a must when grooming your eyebrows.

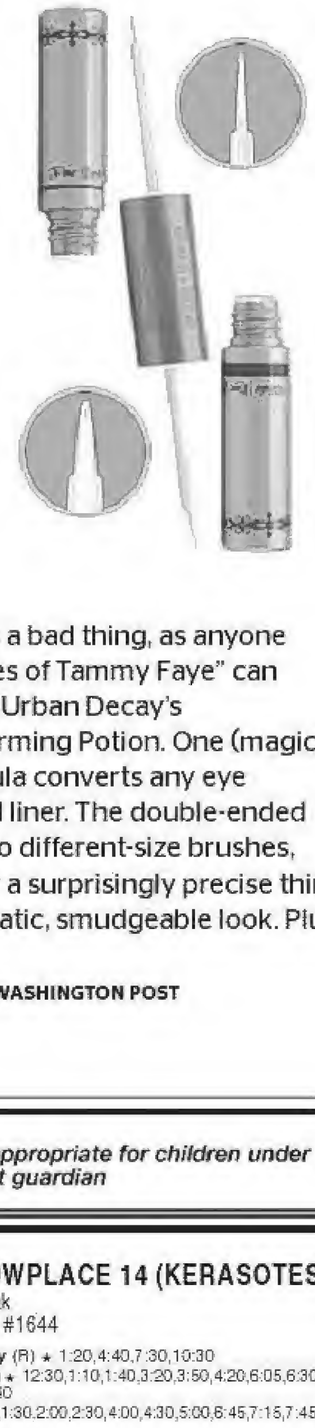
EYELINER

Black eyeliner is as much a style staple as the perfect little black dress, but it's not the be-all and end-all of liner options. To really intensify the hue of your eyes, a colored liner can be your best bet. That said, don't just match your liner to your eye color. Enhance eyes by choosing a complementary color.

For green eyes, select a coppery bronze. For brown, try dark aubergine. And make blue eyes pop with a deep golden brown or a sandy light gold. We like DuWop's new EyeCatchers, which are coded to flatter your eye color ($18.50 at Sephora stores and **sephora.com**)

THE BIG TEST

URBAN DECAY EYELINER TRANSFORMER
$17 at Sephora stores and **urbandecay.com**



My eye-shadow collection boasts a rather impressive palette: I've got peacock blues and olive greens, shimmering silvers and glimmering golds. My eyeliner roster, however, is less thrilling. Black and brown, applied sparingly, are about as exciting as it gets—not that that's a bad thing, as anyone who's seen "The Eyes of Tammy Faye" can attest. Then I found Urban Decay's Eyeshadow Transforming Potion. One (magic) wand of clear formula converts any eye shadow into a liquid liner. The double-ended applicator offers two different-size brushes, which deliver either a surprisingly precise thin line or a more dramatic, smudgeable look. Plus, the stuff stays.

MICHELLE THOMAS, THE WASHINGTON POST

MOTION PICTURE DIRECTORY

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G - General audience PG - Parental guidence suggested
PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)
600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago
(312) 255-9340
Show times change daily
AMC Select - The best specialty films
- AMC Select **Passengers** (PG-13) 2:00,4:30,7:15,9:50
- **Saw V** (R) 3:00,5:30,8:00,10:30
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:20
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 2:15,5:00,7:45,10:10
- **Body of Lies** (R) 1:15,7:00
- **Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 4:15,10:00

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949
- **Noah's Arc** (R) 1:30,4:00,7:30,10:00
- **The Duchess** (PG-13) 2:00,4:40,7:25,10:05
- **Rachel Getting** (R) 1:45,4:25,7:20,10:15
- **Religulous** (R) 2:10,5:00,7:40,10:10
- **What Happend** (R) 1:55,4:35,7:45,10:20
- **Filth-Wisdom** (NR) 1:50,4:20,9:30
- **Happy-Go-Lucky** (R) 1:40,4:30,6:30,7:30,10:25

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642
- **HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 10:30,11:00,12:30,1:10,1:40,3:20,3:50, 4:20,6:05,6:30,7:00,8:40,9:10,9:40
- **Saw V** (R) ★ 10:45,11:15,1:00,1:30,2:00,3:30,4:00,4:30,6:15,6:45, 7:15,8:50,9:20,9:50
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 10:00,12:50,3:40,6:40,9:30
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) ★ 11:50,1:50,2:30,4:40,5:10,7:10,7:50,10:10,10:40
- **Quarantine** (R) 9:50,12:20,3:10,6:20,9:00
- **Body of Lies** (R) 1:20,4:10,7:30,10:30
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 10:20,12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 11:30,2:10,5:00,8:00,10:45
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:20,4:50,7:20,10:20

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893
- **HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **W.** (PG-13) ★ 11:45,2:15,4:45,7:15,9:45
- **Religulous** (R) 1:20,3:30,5:30,7:40,9:50
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 1:50,4:00,6:15,8:15,10:15

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
(773) 582-1839
Show times change daily
AMC Select - The best specialty films
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 10:15,1:15,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **Saw V** (R) 10:15,11:00,11:45,12:30,1:30,2:00,3:00,4:00,4:45,5:30, 6:30,7:15,8:00,9:00,9:45,10:15
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 10:45,1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45
- **Sex Drive** (R) 1:30,6:45
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 11:10,1:40,4:00,5:00,6:20,7:20,8:45,9:40
- AMC Select **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 10:30,12:00,1:00, 2:30,3:30,5:00,6:15,7:30,9:00,10:00
- AMC Select **W.** (PG-13) 10:20,1:20,4:20,7:05,9:50
- **Quarantine** (R) 10:45,1:10,3:20,5:40,7:50,9:50
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 11:30,12:45,2:00,3:15,5:30,7:45,10:00
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 11:40,2:15,4:50,7:30,10:10
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 10:50,4:15,9:15

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
312-846-2800
- **Zero-Conduct** (NR) 6:00
- **A Man's Castle** (NR)
- **Lond Brig** (NR) 6:15
- **Tiger** (NR) 8:00
- **July Rain** (NR) 8:15

LINCOLN VILLAGE THEATER
6341 N. McCormick at Devon Chicago
312-642-2403
Call theatre for show information

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) 2:15,6:25
- **Igor** (PG) 2:05,3:40,5:15,6:50,8:30
- **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 4:25,8:40
- **Journey-Center** (PG) 2:10,4:10,6:15,8:20

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604
- **Don Hertzfeldt** (NR) 8:00,11:30
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 5:15,7:30,9:45
- **Somthng Wckd** (PG) 12:00 Midnight

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(312) 642-7500
Show times change daily
AMC Select - The best specialty films
- AMC Select **W.** (PG-13) 1:00,3:50,4:25,6:45,7:30,9:45,10:30
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 7:50,10:20
- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 3:00,5:25,7:45,10:10
- **Call & Response** (PG-13) 2:00 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
847-765-7262
Show times change daily
- AMC Select **What Happend** (R) 12:00,2:25,7:40
- AMC Select **Changeling** (R) 10:30,12:45,1:45,4:00,5:00,8:15,11:30
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 11:05,2:15,5:30,8:40,11:45
- **Saw V** (R) 10:15,12:50,3:45,6:30,7:30,9:15,10:15,12:00
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00,12:15
- **Sex Drive** (R) 7:20,10:05
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 11:50,2:40,5:35,8:25,11:20
- AMC Select **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 11:00,1:50,4:45,7:45,10:45
- AMC Select **W.** (PG-13) 10:00,1:15,4:30,8:00,11:25
- **Body of Lies** (R) 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:15,10:30
- **Quarantine** (R) 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:20,8:50,11:10
- AMC Select **The Duchess** (PG-13) 10:50,1:25,4:35
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 10:20,12:40,3:05,5:25,7:40,10:10
- AMC Select **Religulous** (R) 11:15,1:55,4:25,7:20,9:50
- **Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 11:20,1:35,3:50,6:05,8:20,10:40
- AMC Select **Rachel Getting** (R) 11:05,2:05,4:55,7:50,10:50
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 10:40,1:40,4:40,7:35,10:35
- AMC Select **Burn After Rd.** (R) 5:05,10:20

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309
- **Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 10:40,1:50,4:40,7:50,10:40
- **HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 10:30,11:00,11:30,12:30,1:10,1:40,2:10, 3:20,3:50,4:20,4:50,6:05,6:30,7:00,7:30,8:40,9:10,9:40,10:10,11:20, 11:50,12:20

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)
- **Saw V** (R) ★ 10:45,11:15,1:00,1:30,2:00,3:30,4:00,4:30,6:15,6:45, 7:15,8:50,9:20,9:50,11:30,12:01,12:40
- **Passengers** (PG-13) ★ 11:50,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:00,12:30
- **Sex Drive** (R) ★ 3:00,8:20
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 12:50,3:40,6:50,9:55,12:50
- **W.** (PG-13) ★ 12:10,3:10,6:20,9:15,12:10
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) ★ 11:20,1:20,2:20,4:10,5:20,7:20,8:00, 9:45,10:30,12:15
- **Quarantine** (R) 12:40,5:30,11:00
- **Body of Lies** (R) 1:15,4:15,7:45,10:50
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 11:40,2:15,4:45,7:10,9:30,11:45
- **Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 2:30,8:10
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 12:20,3:15,6:10,9:00,11:40
- **Fireproof** (PG) 11:10,5:00,10:20

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
- **Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 10:10,1:00,4:10,7:10,10:00
- **HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 10:30,11:00,1:10,1:40,3:50,4:20,6:30,7:00,9:10,9:40
- **Saw V** (R) ★ 11:45,2:10,4:50,7:20,9:50
- **Passengers** (PG-13) ★ 10:40,1:30,4:00,6:40,9:20
- **Sex Drive** (R) ★ 11:30
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 11:15,1:50,4:40,7:30,10:10
- **Body of Lies** (R) 10:20,1:20,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 11:30,2:00,4:30,6:50,9:30
- **Appaloosa** (R) 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:30
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 10:50,1:45,4:45,7:40,10:20
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 10:15,12:50,3:40,6:20,9:00

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 1:00,4:10,7:10,10:15
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 12:30,1:10,1:40,3:20,3:50,4:20,6:05,6:30, 7:00,9:40,9:10,9:40
- **Saw V** (R) 1:30,2:00,2:30,4:00,4:30,5:00,6:45,7:15,7:45,9:20,9:50,10:20
- **Sex Drive** (R) 3:30,8:50
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 12:40,2:20,3:40,5:10,6:40,7:50,9:30,10:30
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 12:50,2:10,4:50,6:20,7:20,10:00
- **Quarantine** (R) 3:10,9:00
- **Body of Lies** (R) 12:20,6:10
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 1:50,4:15,6:50,9:15
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:20,4:40,7:30,10:20

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
4779 W. Cermak
(800) 326-3264 #1644
- **Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 1:20,4:40,7:30,10:30
- **HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 12:30,1:10,1:40,3:20,3:50,4:20,6:05,6:30, 7:00,8:40,9:10,9:40
- **Saw V** (R) ★ 12:10,1:30,2:00,2:30,4:00,4:30,5:00,6:45,7:15,7:45, 9:20,9:50,10:20
- **Sex Drive** (R) ★ 1:45
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) ★ 12:50,3:40,4:45,6:20,7:20,9:00,10:00
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:50,6:10,7:40,9:15,10:15
- **Quarantine** (R) 4:15,6:50,9:30,1:15
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 11:45,1:00,2:15,3:30,5:10,7:50,10:10
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 12:45,4:10,7:10,10:05

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street
630-444-FILM #560
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:15,10:00
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 12:10,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:50
- **W.** (PG-13) 1:00,3:50,6:50,9:35
- **Body of Lies** (R) 1:15,4:00,7:00,9:45
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 11:45,2:20,4:55,7:30,10:05

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123
- **HS Musical 3** (G) ★ 11:40,12:30,1:30,2:20,3:10,4:10,5:00, 5:50,6:50,7:40,8:30,9:30,10:20
- **Passengers** (PG-13) ★ 12:35,3:00,5:25,7:50,10:15
- **Pride and Glory** (R) ★ 12:15,4:00,7:15,10:15
- **Saw V** (R) ★ 11:30,12:45,1:55,3:05,4:20,5:35,6:45,8:00,9:10,10:25
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 11:45,2:05,4:30,7:10,9:35
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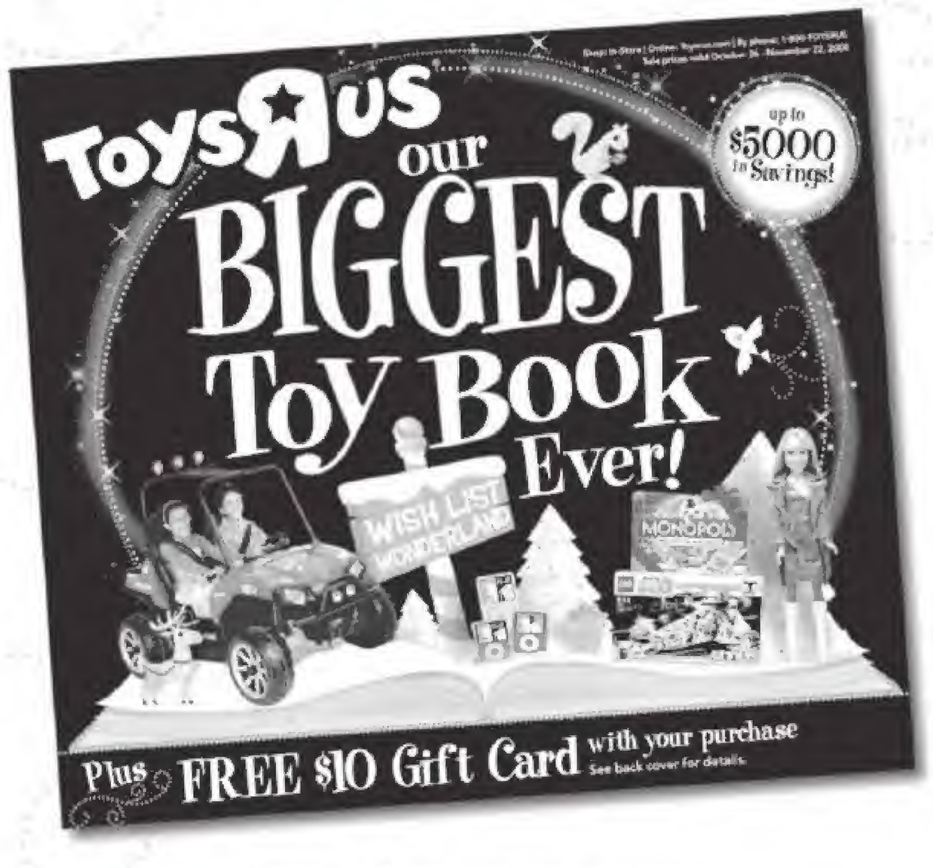

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Cool girls always know the guys

Are there any cool girls out there?

I have a lot of platonic male friends who consider me a "cool girl." That's because I can hang out with the guys without any romantic tensions. These men confide in me because they know they have nothing to lose: They want to hear from an unbiased woman.

But I often wonder if my male friends have ruined me. As a result of these friendships, I know way too much about the male psyche. Can a woman who has spent so much time in the heads of men ever trust a potential mate?

I became comfortable with male friendships when I was 5 years old, when my mother made fast friends with the mother of a boy in my class named Michael. Michael's mom made him invite me to his birthday parties. And my mom forced me to go, but I insisted on wearing overalls in lieu of a frilly dress.

I had a choice to make: I could keep to myself at the party or I could play with the boys. And if I wanted to play with the boys, I had to be a cool girl. I couldn't be prissy; I couldn't cry. I had to learn to tell a good dirty joke—and I had to keep their secrets.

It worked. I discovered that I really liked hanging with the boys.

As a teen I had my girlfriends, but I remained the cool girl to many guys, which was both a benefit and a curse. On one hand, I got a great education about boys. They gave me the unedited version of their love lives. On the other hand, my own dating became very complicated. As far as my friends were concerned, I was a little sister and therefore undatable.

But most of them took great care of me. I received unsolicited advice from every male friend—some of whom had become ruthless dogs to other women. They told me what to look out for and ran interference with boys that they deemed were "up to no good."

I compare the experience to being raised by wolves.

Fast forward a few decades. I'm still not prissy; I can keep a secret, and I tell a mean dirty joke. I speak to Michael nearly every day, and I have other "brothers I never wanted." Most of them have wonderful wives and girlfriends, while some still are rather doggish.

While they were giving me an edge in dating, I was applying sandpaper to their rough edges. I believe our friendships have helped these guys respect women a little more. While the boys were training me to be a cool girl, I was helping them to become great guys.

And thanks to watching them, I've been well-trained for my own dating life. I've seen it all, and I don't tolerate the bad stuff. Have I seen too much? Maybe. But I wouldn't change anything.

I can only hope that one day, I'll meet a great guy who's had the benefit of a cool girl. GINA B. IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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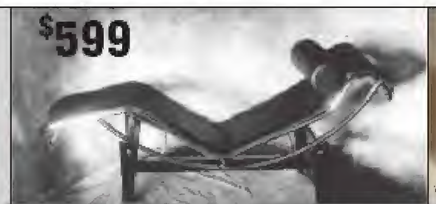

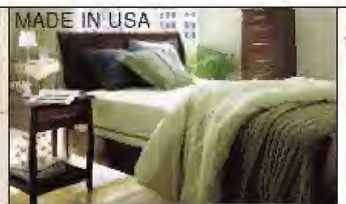

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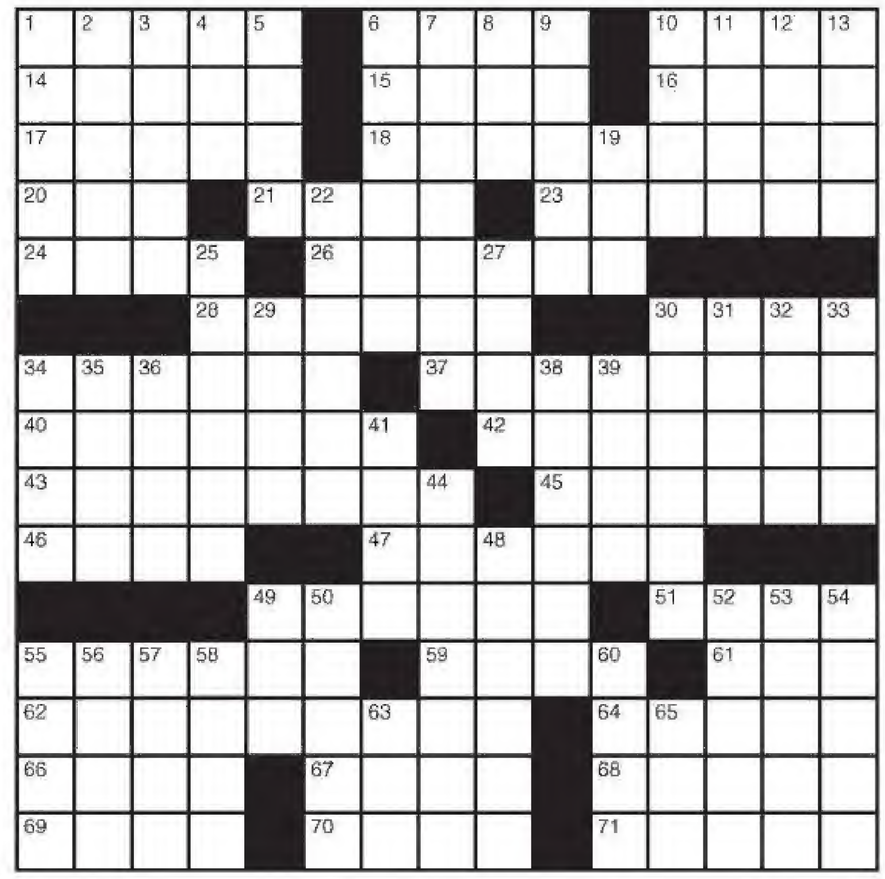

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Really, reality TV?

New CBS show 'dying' to push the envelope

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The reality pilot for CBS will follow people who have been given a terminal diagnosis and "take them on the last adventure of their life," Entertainment Weekly reports on its Web site.

That adventure could include reunions with friends and family, something called a "legacy moment" and living out a dream.

"It could be playing guitar with Eric Clapton or jumping out of a plane into a volcano," Probst tells the site. "Whatever it is that you're still desiring to do in your life—we want to make it happen."

Sound a little ... morbid? Well, Probst tells EW that the focus of the pilot, which is set to be taped in January, is not death. "The story we're going to tell is about living," he says.

At any rate, RedEye has seized the opportunity to chart other reality shows that have raised eyebrows on our Exploitation Ladder.

Probst

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POP DIGITS
Math is tough. Celebs are easy.

4.5 Years Anne Hathaway's ex, Raffaello Follieri, got Thursday in his sentencing for a fraud case

400 Number of schools that Kirk Douglas and his wife, Anne, have funded in L.A.

No. 1 Position at which T.I.'s "Whatever You Like" sits on the Billboard Hot 100

20 Age of 15-year-old Miley Cyrus' "maybe, maybe not" beau

10 Number of episodes slated for Season 7 of "Curb Your Enthusiasm"

"I'm confident it's going to be a really entertaining show."

JIMMY FALLON

Ready to rock

Put me in, coach!

That's pretty much what Jimmy Fallon sounds like when talking about taking over "Late Night" this spring.

"I'm more nervous and excited. I want to start tomorrow," he tells **usmagazine.com**. "I just want to go out there and start figuring things out.

"Some things are going to go wrong and some things are going to be great," he added. "I just want to keep the great things. I'm confident it's going to be a really entertaining show."

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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to **jxwalsh@tribune.com**. For Friday, we have Carlton Redmond. Think he's a ringer for Tommie Harris? Text **"twin"** and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. DEAD ON
2. WAY OFF

Redmond

Harris

GOP to a T

It's "God, Guns, Glory" for "The Hills" personality Spencer Pratt, who was photographed Wednesday with girlfriend Heidi Montag wearing a pro-Sarah Palin T-shirt with that slogan. (Hers said, "Read My Lipstick: Vote McCain-Palin.") The photo—or is it a photo op?—posted on **usmagazine.com**, shows Pratt wearing the T-shirt, carrying what looks like a six-pack of beer and holding a firearm. Seriously.

'Just friends'

Will "Laguna Beach" vet Kristin Cavallari be a fashion victim? The fashionista has landed a guest spot on "CSI: NY," the show's executive producer tells **accesshollywood.com**. Meanwhile, Cavallari is denying rumors that she and "Fantastic Four" star Chris Evans are an item. "I hear that too! No, we're just friends," she tells **usmagazine.com**.

Charity case

What would you pay for Katy Perry's boobs? That question will be answered when a cast of the "I Kissed a Girl" singer's chest is auctioned off for the Keep a Breast Foundation's youth outreach program, **eonline.com** reports. The sculpture will be painted by Perry's boyfriend, Travis McCoy of Gym Class Heroes, according to the site. No word on when the bosom bidding begins.

SOURCES: US WEEKLY, ASSOCIATED PRESS, ROLLING STONE, VARIETY, MCT

4 Lindsay Lohan's stint on "Ugly Betty" has been cut from six episodes to four

4 Times Ben Affleck will have hosted "SNL" when he helms the show Nov. 1

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Diddy's dress-up?

Have faith, Diddy fans. The rap and reality show mogul will have a historic Halloween costume. ¶ "I'm going to be the pope," Diddy told New York magazine's "Vulture" blog on Wednesday. "Yes, I already bought the costume." ¶ And not even Diddy is immune to a lagging economy: "The robe and the hat. I got it from a secondhand costume store in Los Angeles."

Diddy

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THE VELVET ROPE

Obama, Barack Obama?

Craig

If there were a political version of the James Bond movies, Barack Obama would have the title role locked up, says leading spy Daniel Craig.

"Obama would be the better Bond because—if he's true to his word—he'd be willing to quite literally look the enemy in the eye and go toe-to-toe with them," Craig tells Parade magazine, according to excerpts on **accesshollywood.com**. "McCain, because of his long service and experience, would probably be a better M [James Bond's boss]."

So fierce!

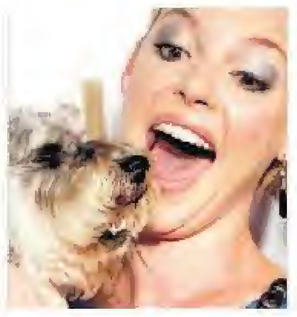
What an honor for Sasha Fierce, to be able to record a double album with pop megastar Beyonce.

Oh wait—Sasha Fierce ***is*** Beyonce.

The singer's new two-disc set, "I Am ... Sasha Fierce," is due out Nov. 18, **mtv.com** reports. It's "about who I am underneath all the makeup, underneath the lights," Beyonce said in a statement. "And Sasha Fierce is the fun, more sensual, more aggressive, more outspoken side."

Well, I'm glad we cleared that up.

Woman's best friend(s)



Heigl

Katherine Heigl must love dogs. But will her five-pooch household be expanding any time soon?

"My husband [Josh Kelley] would kill me!" she told **usmagazine.com** Wednesday, when she brought along her miniature schnauzer Romeo to a store opening in L.A.

The "Grey's Anatomy" star also had a PSA.

"In the last eight years, I have suddenly started to realize how great the need is for animal rescue," she says. "I do understand people going to breeders, but what you cannot do is get a dog from a puppy mill."

24 hours

That's how long a coupon for a free 20-ounce Dr Pepper will be on **drpepper.com** on Nov. 23. The company is making good on a promise it made to give everyone a free drink if Guns N' Roses ever released its "Chinese Democracy" album.

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